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Fierce broadside on Brussels 'crackpot schemes' raises rapturous cheers at conference

Portillo bids to win soul of the party

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE Conservative Right made significant advances in the battle for the soul of the party yesterday as Michael Portillo strengthened his future leadership claims with a fiercely Euro-sceptic speech that was received rapturously by conference representatives.

A carefully crafted attack on the excesses of Brussels, followed by a fringe speech urging the Tories to trumpet their differences with the Labour Party, strongly enhanced the Employment Secretary's reputation with the Conservative rank-and-file.

With the party's European divide clearly exposed, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, fought back with a warning that turning back on Europe would be "the most abject surrender of our national interest". The Tory mission was, he said, to shape Europe from the inside.

Although Mr Heseltine's speech was warmly acclaimed, the reception paled beside the pandemonium that greeted Mr Portillo's appeals to patriotism. The conference organisers struggled to regain control after the Employment Secretary said the rot from Brussels should be stopped, slammed "crackpot schemes", and added that he would never toe the line in Europe if doing so put British jobs at risk.

As the ideological debate raged inside and outside the arena, Michael Howard issued an uncompromising call for the Tories to retain the intellectual high ground that had brought victory during the Thatcher years.

Echoing Mr Portillo's call for "clear blue water" with Labour, the rightwing Home Secretary said: "Politics is not about splitting the difference between policies which are right and wrong. It was a victory achieved by shifting the common ground, by creating a new consensus which has largely lasted ever since.

"This has left Labour struggling to catch up, pretending that they accept our vision while proposing policies which would destroy it," Mr Howard said.

Peter Lilley, the other leading rightwinger in the Cabinet, told the conference that the Tories would never surrender the freedoms won in the Second World War. "Freedom to govern ourselves according to our own laws through our own Parliament. At peace with our neighbours but not subordinated to them. Not a United States of Europe, but a united Europe of states," he said.

The Social Security Secretary also unveiled an unexpected plan to cut the number of people claiming benefits by offering them £1,000 "back-to-work bonuses". These would be aimed at encouraging people to leave part-time work for full-time jobs.

Mr Portillo's friends were delighted last night that he had established himself as a conference favourite and the most obvious standard-bearer of the Right after a difficult few months in which his star had waned. He had achieved this, moreover, without stepping outside government policy or being tempted to back Norman Lamont's call for Britain to contemplate withdrawal from the European Union.

Mr Portillo later defended his speech against accusations of disloyalty by saying John Major also believed that a "lot of nonsense" came from Brussels.

However, John Prescott, Labour's Deputy Leader, said Mr Portillo's conference speech was a "naked leadership bid" that had led the Tories in a lurch to the Right. "This was a speech less about putting clear blue water between the Tories and Labour and all about putting clear blue water between himself and the Prime Minister he treats with contempt."

Mr Heseltine refused to follow the populist line, and won only muted cheers for his warning about the dangers of a breach with Europe. He pointed to the huge flow of trade between Britain and its European partners and said: "That is the true manifestation of where Britain's self-interest lies. To contemplate leaving this behind, turning our backs or simply opting out, would be the most abject surrender of our national interests. Our choice is to influence what is happening — or let others set the rules. That is why the Prime Minister is right to talk of a Britain at the heart of Europe."

He added: "I did not come into the Tory party to play some temporary part in managing the decline of a once great nation."

Mr Heseltine balanced his pro-European sentiments, however, with a reminder of his radicalism. He made an unashamed appeal over the heads of the Cabinet for support in his quest to privatise the Royal Mail and roused the faithful with his customary tirade against Labour.

The day of the two Michaels

"After the two Normans, yesterday was the day of the two Michaels. Michael Portillo emerged as the new darling of the conference, establishing himself as the unchallenged standard bearer of the Right. Yesterday's performance will have strengthened his position after some slips and misjudgments over the past year. Lady Thatcher can at least console herself with that in Texas. He was followed within less than two hours by the old darling of the conference, Michael Heseltine."
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IAN WALDIE



Michael Portillo urging representatives to end the applause after his speech yesterday. He said that the Tory mission was to shape Europe from the inside

Low inflation earns £2 bn for Treasury

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

ANOTHER fall in inflation to record lows and yet another big decline in unemployment promised substantial savings for the government, but was disappointing news for millions of pensioners.

The Treasury said that lower than expected inflation and unemployment could net the government savings of more than £2 billion next year, strengthening its chances of delivering tax cuts before the next election. The biggest losers from yesterday's inflation news were pensioners and people on benefit because the annual re-rating of their entitlements will be based on September's low figures.

Headline inflation fell to 2.2 per cent from 2.4 per cent and underlying inflation, targeted by the government, dropped from 2.3 per cent to 2 per cent, the lowest level since comparable figures began in November, 1967.

Pensioners will see their payments rise by only the headline 2.2 per cent. People on benefits will see their receipts upgraded by only 1.8 per cent, based on an inflation formula that excludes mortgages, rents and council tax.

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, used his Tory conference speech to announce the fall in unemployment in September of 28,000 to 2,566,000, its lowest level for four years. Mr Portillo said it was clear that Britain's flexible labour market was delivering jobs and that, by sticking to the policy of low inflation, more jobs would be created.

However, the Government came in for some criticism in light of the inflation figures. Tim Melville-Ross, the director-general of the Institute of Directors, said they proved that the recent rise in interest rates was "premature". He said that any further rate rises would be counter-productive.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was also warned yesterday against cutting taxes in next month's Budget. The influential Institute for Fiscal Studies said that, despite low inflation and faster than expected growth, cutting taxes now would simply repeat the mistakes of the 1980s. At the Tory conference today, Mr Clarke will repeat his opposition to backbench calls for tax cuts, but yesterday's encouraging economic statistics will strengthen his hand in the longer term.

The Treasury said that yesterday's optimistic figures could mean that next year's Public Sector Borrowing Requirement — the Government's budget deficit — could be more than £2 billion lower as a result.

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Thatcher greeted in US by son's marriage rumours

BY EMMA WILKINS AND IAN BRODIE

BARONESS Thatcher arrived in Dallas, Texas, yesterday on the first day of a speaking tour of America amid concern about her health and reports that her son's seven-year marriage was to end.

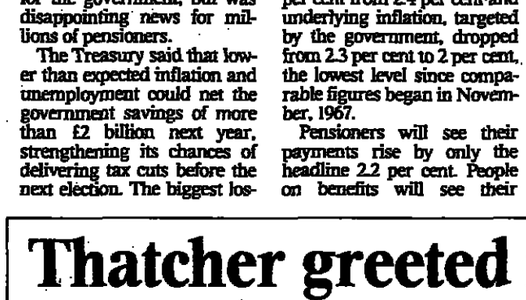
At a lunch to raise funds for the University of Texas cancer centre Lady Thatcher declined to comment on reports that Mark, 41, and his wife Diane, 33, were to separate. Guests who paid £9,500 for tickets were invited to a private reception with Lady Thatcher, but questions were limited to her time in office and foreign policy. It is understood that Mr Thatcher has discussed the possiblity of a divorce with his wife, the daughter of a Texas car salesman.

The couple live in Dallas with their children, Michael, five, and Amanda, 18 months. Lady Thatcher, understood to be upset by allegations surrounding her son's role in a Saudi arms deal, will visit her daughter-in-law and grandchildren at the family's home.

Mr Thatcher has denied allegations that he made £12 million commission by helping set up the al-Yamamiah arms deal. A business associate said: "He is not having a very happy time at the moment. His marriage is in trouble and his business is in trouble." It is understood the marriage has been under strain since Mr Thatcher suggested Michael should be educated in Britain.

Mr Thatcher, who faces court action under America's anti-racketeering laws after the takeover of a Texas aviation fuel company, was not at the airport to welcome his mother. He was believed to be in Houston, at the HQ of his Grantham Company.

Speculation that Lady Thatcher's weight loss was linked with anxieties about her son was dismissed by Sir Tim Bell, who acted as Lady Thatcher's image consultant. "She was in the most sparkling, robust form. She wasn't the least bit anxious, frail or drawn," he said. Lady Thatcher, who celebrates her 69th birthday today, recently underwent a dental operation and embarked on a diet.



Mark and Diane Thatcher: rumours of a divorce

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Loyalists close to a ceasefire

Loyalist paramilitaries are on the verge of announcing a ceasefire, six weeks after the IRA declared it was giving up the armed struggle. James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, said he could assure the paramilitaries that Ulster's status was secure despite the peace moves 2

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US presses for no tank zone in Iraq

BY JAMES BONE AND MICHAEL BINYON

THE United States called a meeting of the old Gulf War allies at the United Nations yesterday to present its proposals for an exclusion zone in southern Iraq despite the open opposition of France.

Ambassadors from Britain, France and the United States held private talks at the UN in New York and were to meet Russian and Chinese representatives later in the day. Washington sources said the aim was to establish a "no tank" zone to match the "no fly" zone below the 32nd parallel in Iraq.

The French delegation wished to make clear their reservations about public comments by American officials proposing the creation of a weapons exclusion zone.

Warren Christoper, the American Secretary of State, announced after the meeting of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council yesterday attended by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, that it had looked at the options to ensure that Saddam Hussein could never again project the world into a crisis at his own will.

Mohammad al-Sahaf, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, was quoted by the official news agency INA yesterday as saying Iraq had completed its withdrawal of troops from the border with Kuwait.

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Yeltsin sets secret agents on to the rouble saboteurs

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday ordered the Counter-Intelligence Service, successors to the KGB, to report in three days on who was to blame for the crash of the rouble.

He blamed the fall on "sabotage or extreme irresponsibility on the part of those groups who organised the fall". Russia's financial crisis became a political one as President Yeltsin also sacked his Finance Minister, Sergei Dubinin, and demanded that Parliament dismiss the conservative head of the State Bank, Viktor Gerashchenko.

Meanwhile the rouble yesterday rallied slightly after plunging on Tuesday by 21.5 per cent to almost 4,000 to the dollar, the biggest fall in a single day in its history. Parliament has tabled a vote of no confidence. Conspiracy theories are running wild. Most revolve around alleged plots to destabilise the government, but Western analysts say that the rouble had been seriously overvalued in view of the huge budget deficit.

The rouble's fall may boost the current trend towards higher inflation, undermine growing confidence among Western investors and disrupt economic reform. To avert this, International Monetary Fund ... release up to $6 billion (£4billi... Russia. Moscats and business... would ...posed radical econom... econo...and yesterday admitted me...onsibility for the rouble's ic... State Bank should have ...d its rate gradually, he said, to ...nt a sudden shock.

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Lacklustre lion king finds jungle drums beat out a new rhythm

POLITICAL SKETCH

This weekend *The Lion King* comes to Bournemouth cinemas, but two big cats have already arrived. Yesterday an ageing lion and a frisky cub looked in at the conference centre. In the film the cub succeeds the old lion. The Tory story looks like turning out the same.

Michael Heseltine has been lionising Tory conferences for decades. He would stride along the seafronts, blond mane blowing in the breeze as he acknowledged the salutations of conference-goers. The Heseltine speech was the highspot of the season. Some people came to hear only it. We would watch those carefully coiffed locks start to shake as he approached the climax; break free as he tossed back his head and snarled out his derision of socialism; and flop all over his face as he roared forth his call to arms. Nobody did it better.

Nobody did it better this year, either. The Lion King can still roar. Yesterday he roared well enough. There was the Lion's joke — there always is — and it was good, very good. There was the Lion's attack on socialism, and it was good. There was the Lion's call to arms (this year he chose "the darkest hour is just before dawn") and it was . . . well, OK.

Or did we cringe a bit to see the old trouper pacing the ring one more time? Did we sense that karaoke *My Way* approaching? A novel and disturbing feature of this speech was that much of it was about his own job: trade and industry. It is unusual for Mr Heseltine to restrict himself to his own responsibilities. Most years we would be lucky if he touched on them at all. Has the Lion lost his wanderlust?

The gloomy thought was reinforced by the behaviour of the Heseltine hair — for the mane is the man. It looked flatter, greyer; some of the lustre was gone. As his peroration approached the Old Lion tried his famous head toss, just like the days gone by. One lock at the front seemed to come loose. "Hurray!" we thought. "We have lift-off." He tossed his head again. Alas, not hard enough. The lock trembled but there was no full-scale break-up of the coiff. That mane used to have a life of its own. No longer.

All the more distressing, then, to report what is happening to Michael Portillo's hair. It is turning into a mane! Yesterday the young cub performed first. Mr Heseltine is claiming not to have read or heard his speech, but we can tell him it was good: clear, if shallow blue water. Pawing the air, he assailed rather than addressed, squeaking intermittently like a pubescent finalist in a school debate: the only recorded squeaked leadership bid. Portillo raises his left palm, fingers clawed upward, to explain; his right palm to associate himself personally with a statement; and both for emphasis. Nothing he said lifted the imagination except perhaps his admiring reference to Calvin Klein, a brand of underwear still unknown to most Tory activists. Next year they'll be wearing nothing else.

He judged his audience shrewdly, and one section was in near-ecstasy. The speech was all about destiny. By the end, I had forgotten what Mr Portillo was secretary of state for. I think he had, too. That old leonine wanderlust was upon him.

On and on the ovation went. The young Lion looked thrilled. And as he basked in applause I glanced at his quiff. It seemed to have grown. Standing proudly on its roots, it swept up with a vigour that reminded me of another conference, another mane, another man.

Mr Heseltine never did reach the top, but conferences loved him. This one now loves Michael Portillo much more than before, and the Parliamentary Conservative Party trusts him a little less. Welcome to your cage, Lion King.

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Molyneaux paves way for loyalist ceasefire

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JAMES Molyneaux offered to meet loyalist paramilitary leaders yesterday as speculation increased in Northern Ireland that they will declare a ceasefire today.

The leader of the Ulster Unionists said he would assure members of the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association that Northern Ireland's position within the United Kingdom was not under threat.

His comments came as a Presbyterian minister who has held extensive talks with loyalist paramilitaries said that a ceasefire was now only a matter of timing.

In an interview with the *Belfast Telegraph*, Mr Molyneaux said that he would be prepared to meet loyalist paramilitaries to remove any misunderstanding.

"I have a duty to see that they are not being misled by talk of doom and gloom, that we are not going to be sold out," he said.

The Rev Roy Magee, who has spent months trying to persuade loyalists to end their campaign of violence, said that he would be surprised if they did not declare a ceasefire within days. He said loyalists were greatly encouraged when the Northern Ireland Office let them meet Protestant paramilitaries at the Maze prison near Belfast on Monday.

Mr Magee added that John Major's cautious response to the ceasefire and his pledge to hold a referendum in Northern Ireland on the outcome of future talks had been crucial in winning the confidence of loyalists.

"The very fact that Mr Major did not respond to the ceasefire too quickly took away fears that a deal had been done with republicans."

David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party, which has an insight into the thinking of the UVF, said after the IRA ceasefire that "history could be round the corner" if the Government assured him that his British nationality was not under threat. However, Gary McMichael of the Ulster Democratic Party, which has links with the UDA, predicted that loyalists were likely to maintain their campaign.

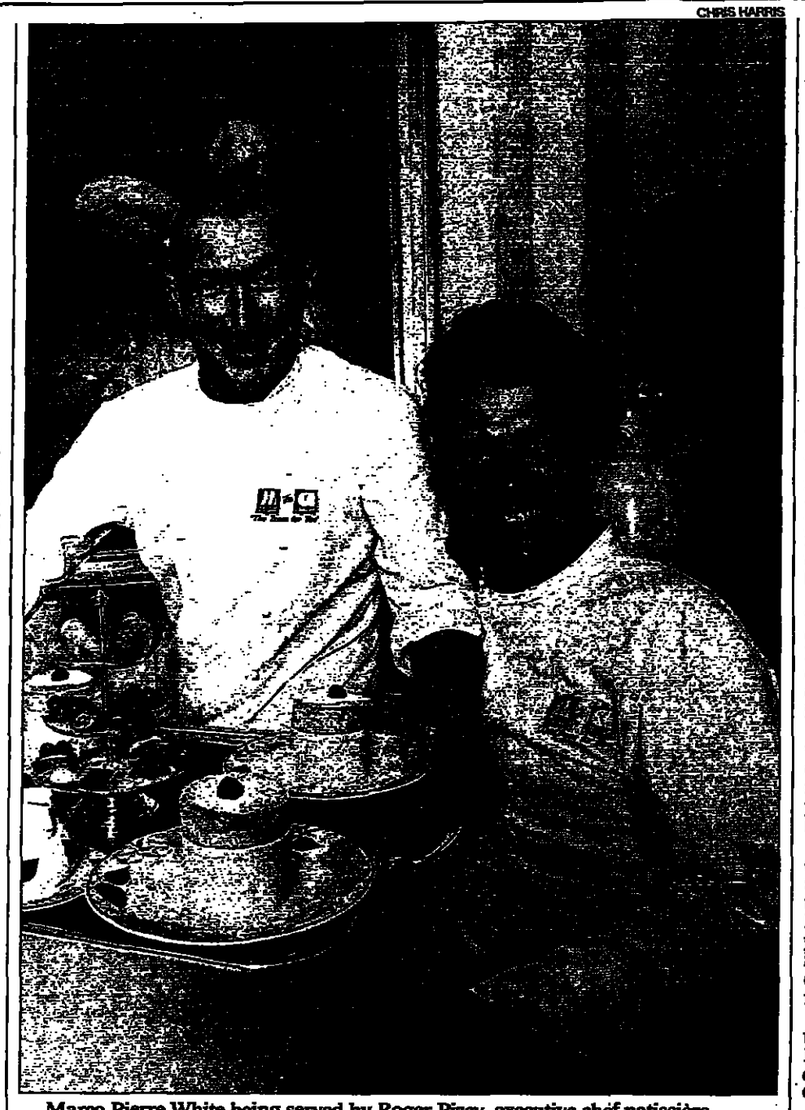
Loyalists appear to have calculated that they would hand Gerry Adams a propaganda victory if they continued maiming and killing. This may mean that they will stipulate that their ceasefire will last only as long as the IRA truce.

The Combined Loyalist Military Command, the umbrella group for the UVF and the UDA, may call on the Government to include fringe loyalist parties in talks on the future of the province. However, the Northern Ireland Office says that talks are open only to parties that have renounced violence and have an electoral mandate. The Progressive Unionists and the Ulster Democratic Party would not qualify because they have only a handful of councillors.

Mr Molyneaux praised the Prime Minister's handling of the IRA ceasefire and contrasted it with Baroness Thatcher's alleged failure to consult Unionist leaders in the run up to the Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985. He said: "There is no possibility of us being betrayed . . . The contrast is that no party leader [in 1985] was told by Margaret Thatcher what she intended doing about anything."

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CHRIS HARRIS



Marco Pierre White being served by Roger Pizey, executive chef patissière

A star is returned to top chef

BY ROBIN YOUNG

MARCO Pierre White, the erstwhile *enfant terrible* of British cooking, storms back into the three-star category this morning with a top accolade for his new restaurant.

The Restaurant at the Hyde Park Hotel in Knightsbridge, southwest London, has been awarded three stars in the new edition of *Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide*, published today. It was denied inclusion among "the best" by the Consumers' Association's *Good Food Guide* last week.

Mr White, who had three Ronay stars at his former restaurant, Harvey's in Wandsworth, southwest London, said yesterday: "They have returned what is rightfully ours."

Fischer's Baslow Hall in Derbyshire is nominated restaurant of the year, and the hotel of the year is the Halkin Hotel in Belgravia, southwest London.

☐ *Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide 1995 Hotels and Restaurants* (Pan Macmillan; £14.99)

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Poll test for Blair after Tory MP dies

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY Blair's new-look Labour Party is facing the first serious electoral test of its popularity after the sudden death of Dr John Blackburn, the Tory MP for Dudley West, at the age of 61.

Dr Blackburn, who held the West Midlands seat with a majority of 5,789 at the 1992 general election, died early yesterday morning after suffering a heart attack as he left the House of Commons just before midnight.

He was taken by ambulance to nearby St Thomas's Hospital eight minutes after the London Ambulance Service received an emergency call but died with his wife Marjorie at his bedside.

The former police officer won Dudley West from Labour in 1979, increasing his majority during the 1980s to a peak of more than 10,000 in 1987.

The Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth stood briefly in silence in tribute to Dr Blackburn and Dame Hazel Byford, vice-president of the party's National Union, extended the conference's sympathies to his family.

He was the ninth MP and the fourth Tory to die since the 1992 general election and his death reduces John Major's Commons majority to just 14.

The constituency, which is due to disappear at the next general election, is one Labour will hope to win. The party needs to gain 55 seats to draw level with all the other parties in the Commons and Dudley West is its 55th most winnable seat.

It is also the first Tory seat with Labour in second place to fall vacant since the 1992 election. In Newbury, Christchurch and Eastleigh the Liberal Democrats had been second and went on to win all three with huge majorities.

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Teachers prepare to ease tests boycott

The National Union of Teachers last night signalled an easing of its two-year boycott of compulsory national tests for children aged 7, 11 and 14. Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, said initial results of a survey among the union's 183,000 members suggested that opposition was softening in the wake of a series of government concessions. These include a £30 million external marking package to reduce the profession's workload.

The union's national executive will consider the survey's full results next month before reviewing the boycott. Mr McAvoy said that he could foresee it being called off in secondary schools, where workload was a key issue, while it continued in primary schools. "It would be silly to say to secondary teachers, 'Continue the boycott', just because it was happening in primary schools." He acknowledged that the climate of opinion had changed since the appointment as Education Secretary of Gillian Shephard, who "recognised the importance of teacher assessment". However, Mr McAvoy said significant differences remained.

TV staff suspended

More than 100 staff at Yorkshire TV opposed to new employment conditions were suspended yesterday and told they would be sacked next week unless they signed fresh contracts. A similar ultimatum is expected at YTV's sister company, Tyne Tees, which employs 200 people. The YTV suspensions are the latest move in an acrimonious dispute at the Leeds-based station as it seeks to eradicate enhanced overtime rates for many of its 650 staff.

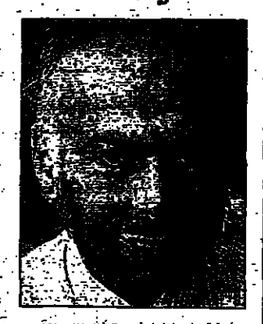
Computer fraud trebles

Computer fraud has trebled in the past three years, but most organisations lack security training and ignore basic safeguards, an Audit Commission survey says today. One in ten organisations have experienced fraud and one in four have suffered from a computer virus. The commission says: "Computer abuse occurs because of a lack of basic controls." *(Opportunity Makes a Thief — An Analysis of Computer Abuse; Stationery Office; £8.50)*

Pledge on quarry jobs

A proposed "superquarry" in Harris would use positive discrimination to employ local people and exiles from the Hebridean island who wanted to return, the public inquiry into the scheme was told yesterday. Ronald Slack of Redland Aggregates which wants to create Europe's biggest quarry in the island, said local employees would be sent on a six-week training course. Islanders are concerned at possible environmental damage. The inquiry continues.

Charities fear lottery



One of the country's most successful educational fundraisers criticised the National Lottery as an inefficient and over-centralised means of supporting good causes. Dr Henry Drucker, right, a former director of Oxford University's £341 million development campaign, said it was a threat to religious, educational and medical charities, which would not receive funds.

Cult killers identified

Canadian police are said to have identified the murderers of an English woman, her husband and their baby son whose deaths in Montreal have been linked to the mass execution of 48 members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult in Switzerland last week. The killers were named as Joel Egger and Dominique Bellaton, who were among the dead.

Nazi oil to surface

Scottish oil workers are to extract 1,500 tonnes of oil from a Nazi cruiser sunk off the Norwegian coast in 1940. The fuel is threatening to pollute the Oslo fjord. Norway has commissioned Rockwater of Aberdeen to extract the fuel from the *Blucher*, sunk by the Norwegian resistance with the loss of 600 lives. It is a designated war grave.

Price of history £850,000

The Earl of Shelburne sold a small but vivid part of the family historical papers to international bidders for £853,230 at Christie's in London yesterday, about £150,000 above estimate. The 80-lot sale included 140 letters from George III to the second Earl written during peace negotiations with the United States after the American War of Independence.

Glasgow disowns prize novel

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

The morning after winning the Booker, James Kelman's *How late it was, how late* was being discounted in London. Dillons bookshops cut the £14.99 price by 25 per cent, hoping to inspire sales. Many London bookshops reported a lack of interest. Even Waterstone's in Hampstead, traditional home of the well-read, did not sell a copy.

PROMINENT Glaswegians yesterday attacked the winner of this year's Booker Prize for portraying Glasgow as a city stuck in a time warp of slump and depression.

James Kelman's novel, *How late it was, how late*, portrays the darker side of life in his native city. Mr Kelman, the first Scot to win the prize, paints an image of Glasgow that the city fathers have spent millions of pounds trying to dispel.

Michael Kelly, the former Lord Provost of the city, who launched Glasgow's successful Miles Better campaign in 1983, is scathing about the novel, which frequently uses coarse language.

"I haven't read the book, and from the reviews I've read I have no intention of reading it. I think it is an odd choice for the Booker. Of course, it doesn't help Glasgow. Some of these writers seem to be living in a time warp. They've been brought up in the old Glasgow and that's what they're going to write about. They haven't been able to make the leap that ordinary Glaswegians have made."

Mr Kelly believes that had the Booker judges been Glaswegian, Kelman's novel would never have won. "It's the sort of language you hear every day from taxi drivers and plumbers. There's nothing innovative or different about it but down in London they say it's superb, unique expression.

"I don't think writers should write about Glasgow in this way. I think they should have more integrity."

The Rev John Taylor, education spokesman for the Church of Scotland, said he did not believe the novel was a wholly accurate portrayal of Glasgow. "It's a slice-of-life novel."

James Shields, the current Lord Provost, was diplomatic. "We have had earthy characters such as Jim Taggart, Billy Connolly and Rab C. Nesbit as ambassadors for the city, and a Glasgow novel winning the Booker prize brings the city only prestige."

Back home in Glasgow Mr Kelman was untroubled. "In a way, these awards are not anything to do with the writer. They are to do with publishers and booksellers," he said.

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New MS treatment delays disability

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A NEW drug treatment for multiple sclerosis has been shown to delay the disabling effects of the disease.

Latest results from a trial of the drug, beta interferon, show that it increased by 75 per cent the length of time it took for sufferers to develop significant disability.

Multiple sclerosis, which affects 60,000 Britons, is marked by a gradual deterioration in mobility which eventually leaves sufferers confined to a wheelchair.

Dr Lawrence Jacobs, a neurology professor who is leading the trial, said: "For the first time we have an effective therapy for MS. If we can use it early on we can prevent the accumulation of deficits like limping and using walkers."

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Corrections

The number of complaints against solicitors rose last year to 19,582 and not 90,582 as reported yesterday. We apologise for the error.

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Murdered mother may have startled burglar with alarm

By Michael Horsnell

A WOMAN murdered in her own home may have been stabbed when she disturbed a burglar, it was disclosed yesterday.

Kathleen Hempsall, 40, a midwife, and her husband had a burglar alarm fitted at their home in Lincoln a year ago after two break-ins. Police believe she may have pressed the panic button, startling the intruder into his attack.

The alarm rang intermittently for three hours but neighbours took no notice and, as Mrs Hempsall lay dead from multiple stab wounds, patrolling officers called but reported a fault in the system to headquarters control when they discovered no signs of forced entry.

Andrew Hempsall, 39, a carpenter, was treated in hospital for severe shock after police broke the news to him. Classmates of the couple's daughter Louise, 7, were in tears. Mr Hempsall and his daughter were being cared for by relatives.

The ward at the maternity unit at Lincoln County Hospital where Mrs Hempsall worked three days a week was yesterday closed for the day to allow staff to recover from the trauma.

Mrs Hempsall had returned to the semi-detached house at about 9.30am on Tuesday after taking Louise to Westgate Junior School.

Detective Chief Superintendent Tom Coates, who is leading the inquiry, said Mrs Hempsall either pressed the panic button after opening the door to her assailant or was followed in and had not had the time on arrival to switch off the system which was automatically triggered.

Mr Coates said: "The house had had false alarms in the past. It is a sad fact of life that people do ignore alarms going off these days."

Forensic scientists examined the house and up to 50 officers searched an adjoining playing field for the murder weapon, a single-bladed knife at least four inches long. A post-mortem examination was carried out by Clive Bouch, a Home Office pathologist.

Police believe it unlikely there are links with the murders of Julie Pacey, 38, who was sexually assaulted and strangled at her home in Grantham, Lincolnshire, two weeks ago or Wendy Speaks, also 38, who died at her home in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, last year.

Officers were waiting for Mr Hempsall to recover sufficiently to help them to check at the family home whether anything has been stolen.

Officers were called to the house at about 12.45pm — nearly three hours after their first inspection — when Elizabeth Hoo, Mrs Hempsall's sister, heard the burglar alarm as she went to keep a pre-arranged meeting with her.

Mrs Hoo failed to get a reply and alerted police who broke in and found the body downstairs.

One elderly neighbour who did not want to be named said: "I heard the alarm and thought at first it was something wrong with my hearing aid and then I thought it must be a car alarm. After I went to look it stopped ringing. We have a lot of alarms which go off around here. I feel dreadful about what has happened. They were such a nice family."

Woman found beaten to death

By Paul Wilkinson

A YOUNG laboratory technician was found battered to death in her home yesterday after colleagues contacted her family to say she had not been at work for two days.

The body of Claire Barrie, 21, was discovered by police in an upstairs bedroom of the house she shared with her mother Eve Barrie in Consett, Co Durham. She was dressed in night clothes and there was no sign of forced entry.

Mrs Barrie, a divorcée, had been staying with relatives in Leicestershire at the time of the attack. She was returning last night.

A post-mortem examination showed that Miss Barrie, who worked at Durham University and was studying biology part-time, died on Sunday from severe head injuries caused by a blunt instrument. She was last seen alive at 11.45pm on Saturday, when she left the Red Lion pub run by her father Raymond Barrie in Dipton five miles away.

She had spent the evening working behind the bar and left alone to go home. No one saw her leave.

Detective Superintendent Bob Hall, leading the murder inquiry said: "There are signs of a struggle in the bedroom. I believe she fought back. The attacker may be carrying some scars and may also have blood on him. There are no signs of a sexual motive. There was no damage to the house and we won't know whether anything was stolen until Claire's mother returns."

Keith Seacroft, a spokesman for Durham University, said: "The fact that she didn't turn up for work on Monday and Tuesday without calling in was so out of character that someone in the department contacted her family. It is difficult to express the shock and despair felt by her colleagues and everyone who knew her."

Keith Thirlaway, her former boyfriend, was too upset to speak about her death.



Claire Barrie: was in a bedroom



Bernadette and Adrian Mooney waiting yesterday in court. They are alleged to have offered £4,000 to Romanians to find a child for them

Adoption couple 'should be sent to jail'

From Sean Hillen in Bucharest

A ROMANIAN state prosecutor urged a court in Bucharest yesterday to jail a British couple accused of buying a baby and attempting to smuggle her out of the country.

Adrian and Bernadette Mooney from Wokingham, Berkshire, should be sent to prison for "enticing" a group of Romanians with £4,000 to find a baby for them to take back to England, he said. "The British couple deliberately offered a sum of money so large that it was hard for the Romanians to refuse. They not only broke Romanian law but also the rights of the child under the European Convention. Prison is the only way to punish those who try to sell a human being."

The trial judge will give his verdict tomorrow. If found guilty, the Mooneys face a maximum of five years in prison. They legally adopted a Romanian child three years ago. The couple were arrested by Romanian police on the Hungarian border in July when a six-month-old child named Monica was found in a cardboard box on the back seat of their car. The couple are alleged to have been involved with a group of Romanians in finding the child and forging adoption papers.

Mrs Mooney, 40, said in court yesterday: "We did not know we were breaking the law. We are very sorry for what has happened."

Rodica Floca, the couple's lawyer, said that they had spent £4,000 adopting the first child and believed that the second £4,000 that they paid "would not go into someone's pocket". She added: "They did not presume this money would buy the soul of a child. They did not want to hide the child. They were sufficiently naive to believe that just like other British couples they could bring a Romanian child back to England and adopt it there."

The Mooneys are believed to have sold their story to a newspaper.

Plagiarism student named

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE Oxford University graduate stripped of his theology degree for plagiarism will be named today as Thomas Anthony Sanders.

Mr Sanders is only the third person this century to have his name published in the *University Gazette* as formal notification of the withdrawal. The decree will also be posted in Oxford's examination schools.

The case came to light when another student claimed that parts of a 20,000-word Master of Theology thesis submitted by Mr Sanders had been copied from earlier work. Some passages, which had not been acknowledged, appeared to come from theses submitted at two unnamed universities in 1984 and 1986.

Mr Sanders received his degree a year ago, after three examiners had failed to notice the similarities.

An inquiry by the university proctors found evidence of plagiarism and Congregation, the university's parliament, agreed on Tuesday to withdraw the award.

Westminster College, where Mr Sanders studied in 1992, is refusing to divulge any further details. Members of Congregation were asked to sign guarantees of confidentiality before examining the theses.

Mr Sanders is the second Oxford student in six months to be found guilty of plagiarism. Gary Owen Hughes was deprived of his doctorate in philosophy for using sections of text first published by Princeton University, New York, in his thesis.

Dr Kenneth Wilson, Westminster's principal, said yesterday that the two cases did not represent a growing trend, in spite of increased opportunities for plagiarism through electronic data bases.

"It is just one of those wretched things that occurs from time to time," Dr Wilson said. He added that Mr Sanders had left Oxford after his course and was not in academic life.

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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Youths in £15m arson case freed

By A Staff Reporter

TWO youths accused over a fire that led to a £15 million Tesco's superstore burning down were cleared yesterday after a judge was told that a detective had forgotten to caution them before interview.

Steven Williams, 17, from Maidstone, Kent, and his 16-year-old co-defendant, who cannot be named for legal reasons, were freed by Maidstone Crown Court after Judge Langdon ruled a formal verdict of not guilty.

The boys had been charged with two counts of arson — one of damaging a plastic rubbish bin, and the other of damaging a newsagents in the Grove Green shopping complex 15 months ago. A formal caution was not given during a taped interview.

"I do not want to criticise anyone," the judge said. "I am sure lessons will be learnt from the way these particular interviews were handled."

Judge Langdon said tapes of interviews were not admissible and the prosecution said the Crown could not offer any other evidence. Kent Police later said they would study the judge's comments.



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Police escort parents to fire baby's deathbed

By Paul Wilkinson

ONE of the two infant boys injured in an alleged arson attack on their home last week died from his injuries yesterday. The parents of Jim Cunningham, aged 20 months, were brought from police cells to be with him at Pinderfields General Hospital, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

The couple have been in custody since their arrest on Tuesday in connection with the fire at their home in Leeds. Police said that they were now treating the incident as a murder inquiry.

Doctors at the hospital's specialist burns unit had warned detectives questioning Michael Cunningham, 25, and Amanda McKenna, 21, that



Jim Cunningham: died ten days after fire

the baby's life was ebbing away. He had suffered burns to 50 per cent of his body and inhaled smoke in the blaze that wrecked the family's semi-detached council house on the Seacroft estate in the early hours of October 2.

Surgeons had operated to put skin grafts over some of his more serious injuries, but he was extremely weak. When his condition worsened overnight, his life-support machine was switched off yesterday morning.

Billy Cunningham, aged six months, is still in a critical but stable condition in the specialist unit with 30 per cent burns.

Linda Greenhalf, 33, who with her husband Glyn is one of Billy's godparents, broke down when she heard of Jim's death. "The poor kid fought so hard. We thought he would survive," she said.

Detective Superintendent Andrew Brown, heading the inquiry, said: "I am naturally very sad that the child has died. Because he became so ill yesterday we did our best to accommodate the parents' wish to be with him.

"The parents are now resting but are still detained and we shall be interviewing them again later this evening. To provide for this their original detention period has been extended. The child's death does not alter the style or scale of the inquiry, which is aimed at establishing the truth about all the events that led up to the fire and the subsequent death of the child."

A spokesman for West Yorkshire Police said that interviews were continuing and no charges were expected for a while.

The boys' parents were arrested on Tuesday at the hospital where they had spent most of their time since the fire. Four days before their arrest, they appeared on television in a tearful appeal for help to catch the culprits.

Detectives said the fire was the third arson attack at the house in a week. The family also complained that they had received 14 hate mail letters and were the victims of a vendetta. Their previous home on the Seacroft estate had burnt down mysteriously 12 months earlier.

A hospital worker said medical staff were distressed at the boy's death. "Now that the fight has been lost they are distraught," she said. "They gave their all to save him but it has not succeeded and everyone is upset. They are in tears. He had fought long and hard for ten days to survive.

"Now they will be even more determined than ever to help Billy in his fight to recover. Everything possible is being done for him."



DES JENSON

A WOMAN enjoys the sunshine in Regent's Park, London (above), in an autumn that nature watchers are forecasting will be the most colourful for a decade (Anjana Ahuja writes).

A good summer followed by a mild dry spell has given trees the best possible chance of displaying a full range of colours from gold to red before shedding their leaves.

Barry Parker, of the Meteorological Office, said: "We have not had much rain, wind or frost so conditions are ideal. The leaves haven't done their full turn so it is going to get better."

Esmond Harris, a member of the Tree Council and a retired forester, said he was very hopeful that this season would match the autumn of 1983. "In a wet year the leaves don't colour very much. We have had a week of glorious colour already, but we need at least another week to see if it will better 1983."

Mr Harris waxed lyrical about 1976. "Absolutely outstanding, the colours lasted to the end of October," he recalled. "Another good year was 1947, which people will remember as the first good summer after the war."

According to Mr Harris, keen tree watchers should head for Westonbirt Arboretum near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, for a spectacular display at the maple glade. Maple leaves, which are responsible for many of the glories of fall in New England, turn a rich red. Kew Gardens said that trees there would reach their colour peak in the next few days.

Botanists are still puzzled why trees put on such dazzling displays. It offers no obvious advantage and the chemical energy of leaf colouring appears wasted. But chemists explain the phenomenon as the breaking down of chlorophyll to form red or purple pigments called anthocyanins. As autumn progresses, different pigments become dominant, giving changing shades of yellow, red and brown. Dry conditions, like those seen recently, accelerate the chlorophyll breakdown, leaving the brownish pigments to filter through.

For fall watchers the Forestry Commission recommends Grizedale Forest Park, Cumbria, Wye Valley in southeast Wales, Bedgebury Pinetum near Goodhurst, Kent, and the Queen View Visitor Centre near Pitlochry, Tayside.

Deer farmers 'botched cull'

By A Staff Reporter

THREE deer farmers involved in a cull that went wrong appeared before magistrates yesterday charged with cruelty. The prosecution, brought by the Ministry of Agriculture, is thought to be the first of its kind.

John Barclay, 61, Major Patrick Maxwell, 65, and his wife Joanna, 59, of Stadhampton, Oxfordshire, are accused of breaching regulations governing culls in the incident at Mr Barclay's farm at Muneham Courtenay last October. They deny cruelty.

Thame magistrates were told that the farmers penned 12 deer in a paddock before Major Maxwell took up a firing position on a parked truck.

After eight were chased into the line of fire, the four remaining animals smashed into fences and leapt over carcasses as they tried to escape. One animal broke its ankle as it tried to clear a wire boundary and was left hanging upside down before it was finally destroyed.

Ian Corbett, for the prosecution, told the court that ministry guidelines stated that, if deer panicked, a cull should be abandoned until the animals had calmed down. The trial continues.

Proud peacock's tell-tale tail

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

FINE feathers really do make a better bird, research at Oxford University has proved. The superb tail feathers of the peacock are more than an outward show, Dr Marion Petrie of the department of zoology has demonstrated. They are evidence of a genetic fitness that makes those peacocks better breeding stock.

Observations over many years at Whipsnade Zoo, Bedfordshire, have shown that males with more "eye-spots" in their tails consistently attract more mates. When spots have been reduced by trimming their tails, the males do much less well in the succeeding year.

Dr Petrie found that the bigger the average size of the eye-spot in the father's tail, the heavier the chicks were at about three months old. And when the chicks were released into the 200-strong wild flock at Whipsnade, the heavier ones thrived.

This proved, she reports in *Nature*, that the females know what they are doing. Their offspring have inherited the magnificent tails of their fathers, ensuring them breeding success.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Anguished boy leapt to his death

A teenager tormented by insecurity killed himself by jumping 90 feet from the top of a shopping mall, injuring a six-year-old boy and his aunt below, an inquest at Crawley, West Sussex, was told.

Paul Harrison, 17, a student from Horsham, had in his pocket an envelope on one side of which was scrawled "I love my family more than words can say" and on the other "To live in fear is not to live at all".

His closest friend Robert Hall said: "He had discussed suicide. He would say he wasn't particularly enjoying his life enough and that he was unsure about his future." The coroner recorded a verdict of suicide.

Wildlife defeat

The High Court overturned English Nature's designation of a peat bog at Horwich, Greater Manchester, as a site of special scientific interest. Bolton Borough Council wants to use Red Moss as a waste landfill site.

Lab accident

Two 17-year-old boys at Queen's College, Taunton, the mixed public school, suffered burns — one to the face and the other to a hand — while working out of class hours in the school laboratory.

Crisp oncers

Kelly Tumilty, 14, of Norwich, opened the salt packet in a 20p bag of crisps on her way to school and found a token for a £100,000 jackpot prize.

Mother held

The mother of identical twin boys aged about 18 months who were abandoned in a front garden at Ilford, east London, was arrested after she contacted police.

Art record

A 1940 painting "Tinker Encampment" was bought in Dublin by a businessman for £505,000, a record price for the artist Jack B. Yeats, brother of the poet W.B. Yeats.

Clocks stolen

Clocks said to be worth £100,000, some dating from the 17th century, were stolen from Lyme Hall, Stockport.

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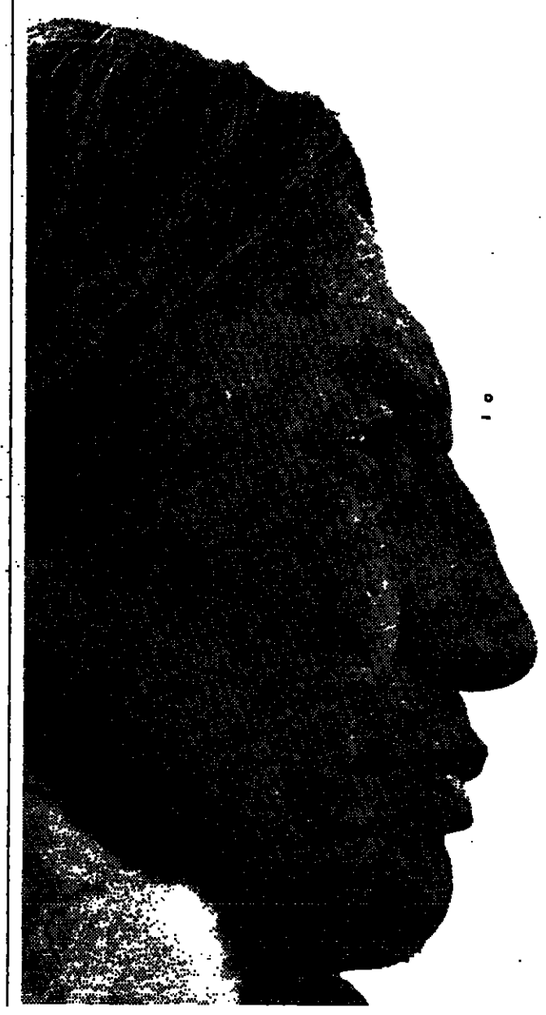
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Four wounded by knife

Man died as noisy neighbour 'flipped'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A NOISY neighbour who brought five years of misery to a quiet suburban avenue finally ran amok, stabbing one man to death and leaving three others with slash wounds, a court was told yesterday.

Colin Shankland, 34, said he meant only to scare neighbours who had complained about him revving his car early in the morning, playing his radio loudly, shouting in the street and allowing his dog to run wild.

A jury at Cardiff Crown Court was told that after Mr Shankland moved in to the Edwardian terraced street in Heath, South Glamorgan, there were five troubled years, whereas formerly families had lived in tranquillity.

Gerald Price, QC, for the prosecution, said: "It was a quiet residential neighbourhood where all the families knew each other.

"His neighbours, the Stephensons, had lived there for 29 years and the Mullanes for 28 years."

Mr Price continued: "Within a short time of Mr Shankland arriving things deteriorated. The area was far from harmonious and feelings ran high. Mr Shankland would wake up the neighbours by unnecessarily revving his car early in the morning, he would swear as they passed by and would play his radio loudly."

Then one night in January Mr Shankland returned with "murderous intent" against his neighbours, having armed himself with three bricks and a six-inch fishing knife, Mr Price claimed. Within five minutes, Mr Price said, Harry Stephenson, 51, a builder, lay dead with 22 stab wounds, one through the heart, and three members of the Mullane family were badly slashed.

The court was told that Mr Shankland kicked the door open at the Mullanes' home. John Mullane, 61, was cut from his eye to his jaw and needed 30 stitches. His wife Eileen, 57, was left with a ten-inch long wound across her chest and needed emergency surgery. Their daughter Lynne, 25, was also stabbed twice as she raised the alarm. When arrested Mr Shankland told police he wanted to scare his neighbours, but said that he had "flipped".

Steven Mullane, 27, a former naval officer told the court: "All I wanted was a peaceful life. He would let his mongrel dog into my mother's garden. He would call my mother a bitch and give me hand gestures. He would even come up to the window and give me a V-sign. My brother Chris is a police officer and we had asked him a few times to have a quiet word with Mr Shankland, but still he kept annoying and harassing us."

Mr Shankland denies murder and three charges of attempted murder. The trial continues.

GEOFF ROBINSON



John Cornhill at Papworth Hospital yesterday before leaving for home with a battery pack for his heart pump

Heart pump patient gains new lease of life

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE man given the first permanently installed artificial heart left hospital yesterday saying that he felt great.

John Cornhill, 62, a former film stuntman, was fitted with the £40,000 mechanical pump six weeks ago at Papworth Hospital in Cambridgeshire. Installed in the wall of his abdomen and powered by batteries worn around his waist, the 1½lb metal pump is designed to assist the left side of his heart, which does the bulk of the work.

He said: "I feel great, a lot better than I used to. It has changed my life and I shall be able to get out and about and cope a lot better."

The thing he was most looking forward to, he said, was helping his wife Evelyn around the family home at Chatteris, Cambridgeshire.

John Wallwork, the heart surgeon who did the operation, said that it was the first part of a pilot study into the use of battery-powered pumps as life-savers for patients unable to have a transplant.

Tories aim for green growth in the shires

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

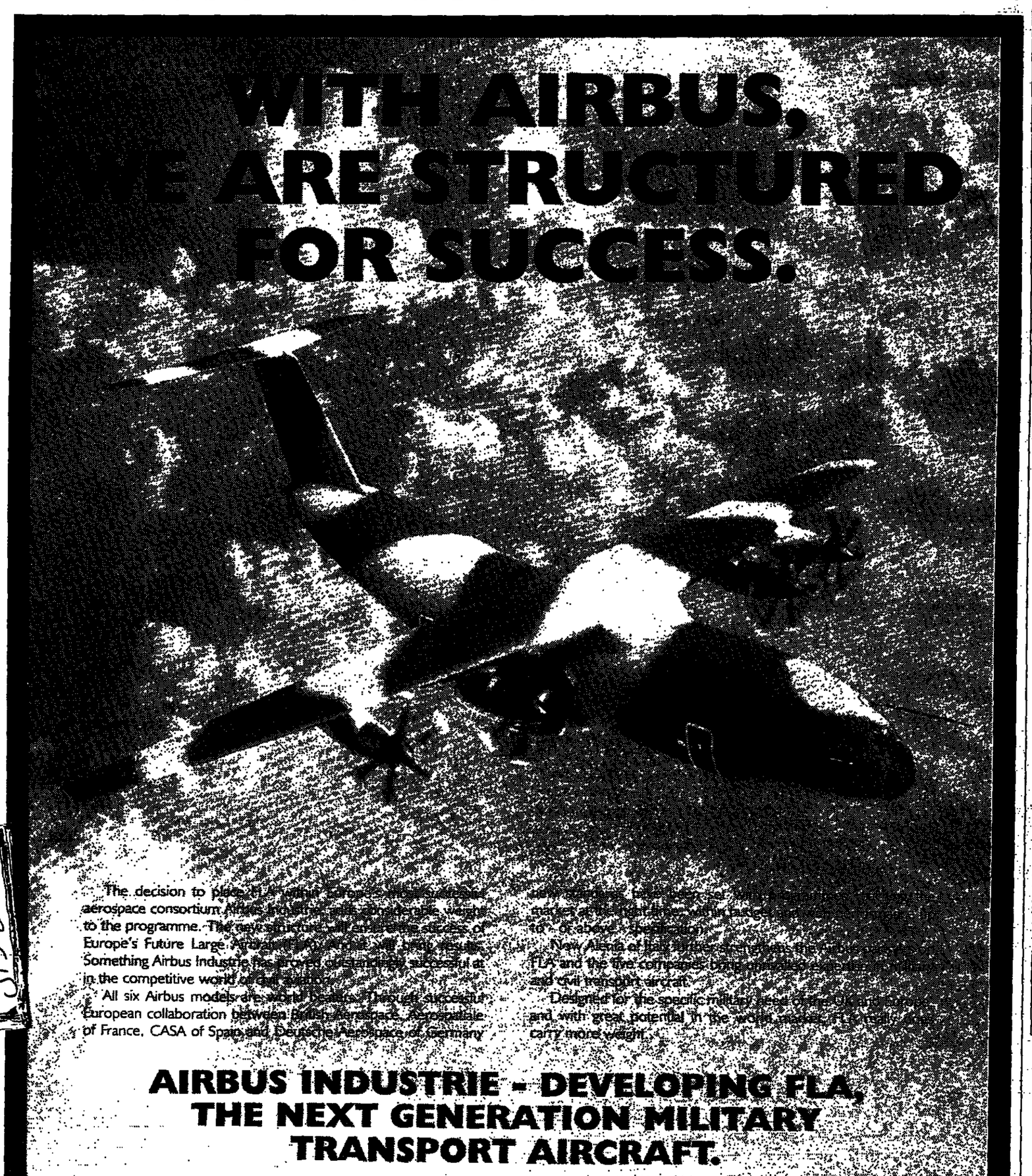
A WHITE Paper aimed at stimulating the economy of the countryside without destroying wildlife or natural beauty is to be published in the middle of next year.

The move, announced yesterday, reflects the growing belief of ministers that the Tories need to re-establish their rural credentials if they are to prevent the loss of shire strongholds to the Liberal Democrats or even to Labour at the next general election.

In a joint statement, William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said that the paper would cover "all aspects of living and working in and enjoying the countryside" and would be prepared in consultation with other government departments.

It is expected to recommend the relaxation of planning rules to allow redundant farm buildings to be used for light industry and to propose bigger spending on the provision of affordable rural housing.

Mr Waldegrave said that the countryside "must not become a museum".



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BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

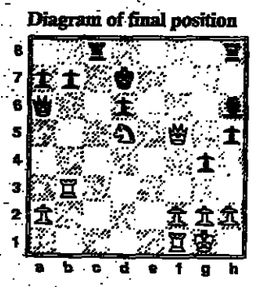
Staunton Memorial

After seven rounds of the Staunton Memorial tournament at the Burlington Café, Chiswick House grounds, west London, the lead is held by Demetrios Agnos with 6 points, ahead of Chris Dunworth on 5.5.

White: Dunworth
Black: Holland
Staunton Memorial
October 1994
Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	d5
2	Bg5	f6
3	Bh4	Nh6
4	c4	c5
5	e3	cxd4
6	exd4	Nc6
7	Nc3	dxc4
8	d5	Na5
9	Bxc4	Nxc4
10	Qa4+	Bd7
11	Qxc4	Rc8
12	Qb3	Nf5
13	Nf3	g6
14	Bg3	g4
15	Nd2	Nd4
16	Qd1	Qb6
17	0-0	Qxb2
18	Nde4	Nf5
19	Bb1	Qa3
20	Rb3	Qa6
21	d6	Nxd6
22	Bxd6	exd6
23	Nxd6+	Kd8
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26	Qb1	Bh6
27	Qf5+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

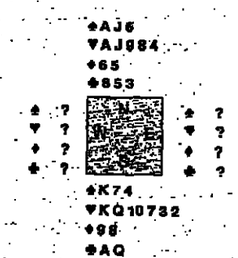


Staunton honoured

Howard Staunton (1810-1874) was Britain's greatest chess-player of the 19th century. He now lies in an unmarked grave in Kensal Green Cemetery, north London. The Staunton Society has been set up to raise sufficient funds for a headstone. To join the society, contact Brian Clivaz at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, 100 The Strand, London WC2 (tel: 071 836 9112).

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THE TIMES BRIDGE



BY JOHN GRAHAM

Against four hearts, West cashes the A-K of diamonds and exits with a trump, East following. South has nine tricks, and the tenth may come from a successful finesse in either black suit. Which one should he try first?

This is a very common, even elementary, situation, but it remains a blind spot for many players. Suppose you finesse the jack of spades. It loses, a club comes back and that finesse loses also. Bad luck. Or maybe you try the clubs first, with the same result. Bad luck again. "Sorry, partner. Everything was wrong. There was nothing I could do." *But there was.* The correct play is to take *neither* finesse. Play the king of spades, then the ace, then the jack. If East wins, you fall back on the club finesse. You may lose the contract, but you haven't lost any options. If West wins, he is end-played and it doesn't matter who has the king of clubs. This is the sort of play which is blindingly obvious, but only after it has been pointed out!

The advantage is that it gains whenever East has a *doubleton* queen of spades, and its particular beauty lies in a paradox: if the spade finesse is working, you don't need it.

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Tories must clear the mist and meet Labour's challenge

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Euro-sceptics have captured the heart of the Tory conference, if not yet completely its head. The pro-Europeans are on the defensive and isolated. The one sure way for a minister to win applause at the conference is to attack Brussels and make a nationalist appeal. The fringe meetings of the sceptics have been packed to overflowing.

After the two Normans, yesterday was the day of the two Michaels. Michael Portillo emerged as the new darling of the conference, establishing himself as the unchallenged standard bearer of the right. Yesterday's performance will have strengthened his position after some slips and misjudgments over the past year. Baroness Thatcher can at least console herself with that in Texas.

In an exquisite irony of timing, Mr Portillo was followed within less than two hours by the old darling of the Tory conference, Michael Heseltine. He can still rouse the conference and manage the occasional, outrageous one-liner. But he is no longer the Heseltine of the mid-1980s. The magic has faded.

Tory conferences are a rough-and-ready barometer of the standing of individual ministers. They seldom tally with the Cabinet pecking order or the views of Tory MPs. But, for the second year, the running has been made by the sceptics, even though their speeches have been more loyalist in tone than last year. John Major's future is no longer an immediate issue, though much of the debate is carried on as if he did not exist.

The pro-European case has not been put so forcefully. Douglas Hurd gave the conference some elegant home-truths about Britain's position in Europe. But he is almost above politics. Mr Portillo yesterday cunningly described Mr Hurd's speech as "very statesmanlike". Otherwise, the pro-European case has largely gone by default, though a counter-attack is promised for tonight by Sir Leon Brittan. The explicitly pro-European sections of Mr Heseltine's speech were the least-applauded.

The Euro-sceptic ministers would not go as far as Norman Lamont or Lord Tebbit, much though they sympathise with their criticisms about the direction of the European Union. But they believe, as Michael Howard has argued, that Britain's aims can, in the extreme, be achieved by the use of the veto, rather than by negotiating a looser arrangement. Mr Lamont's outspokenness has annoyed many of the Euro-sceptics and has highlighted tactical divisions between those who want to harry the Government and those who favour a truce.

Nonetheless, the warm reception given to the Euro-sceptics at the conference underlines the tight constraints on the Prime Minister's freedom of manoeuvre. He has no choice but to take a robustly anti-integrationist stance ahead of the 1996 inter-governmental conference. There is no sign of the pro-Europeans mounting a counter-attack. Their main hope is that the issue of eventual British involvement in monetary union will be left until after the next election.

But, as important as their remarks on Europe, is the way that the sceptics have sought to define the Tories' overall stance in relation to Labour — "clear blue water" as it is now fashionably called. Mr Portillo, in a fringe address, and Peter Lilley, in his conference speech, argued that Labour had not really changed on the economy, enterprise, the role of the individual and education.

The ideological differences were addressed by Michael Howard. He discussed recent arguments by John Gray and David Selbourne about the tension between free markets and the preservation of strong communities and the threat to the ethos of public service from the introduction of market disciplines into the public sector. His answer was a version of the civic conservatism case put forward by David Willetts, now in the strange position for a Conservative intellectual of being silenced as an assistant whip.

The Tories, or rather some of them, are still thinking. But few of them yet understand the challenge posed by Tony Blair's Labour party. Merely arguing that Labour is discarding previous policies does not resolve the Tories' need to define a post-Thatcherite agenda. However firm the sceptics are about their own beliefs, and however much they are making the running in Bournemouth this week, there is plenty of mist over the "clear blue water".

PETER RIDDELL

After year of mauling by critics, Howard restates faith in tougher laws and free market

Young offenders will be ordered to look for work

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to toughen probation and community sentences, including making offenders look for work, are being considered by the Government.

Michael Howard will tell Conservative representatives during the law and order debate today that community sentences and probation must be rigorous.

He will also outline a carrot and stick approach to prison discipline in which privileges would be earned rather than being an entitlement.

But it is understood the Home Secretary will not unveil proposals to toughen regulations on home leave and temporary release as prison service officials are still working on their plans.

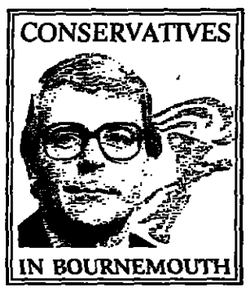
Mr Howard, who in the past week has visited Whitemoor prison, where five IRA prisoners were involved in an escape attempt last month, and Belmarsh jail, southeast London, is not expected to tell the conference that closed visits are to be introduced for Category A inmates. Closed visits mean that glass separates prisoners from visitors.

He say that his priority for the next few months will be community sentences, with a Green Paper to be published next month. The Home Office is also looking at involving magistrates more closely in the punishment and treatment of young offenders as part of sentences in the community.

Officials have looked at a scheme in the United States in which youngsters must actively seek and take up offers of employment as a condition of probation. It is understood that officials believe there are low-paid jobs young people could take that would keep them out of trouble.

Harry Fletcher, the assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, condemned the proposals. He said that magistrates had a much clearer idea of what types of punishment would work than ministers.

Mr Fletcher said: "The whole notion of linking probation with finding work is open to criticism because there are



so few jobs available and because those that exist are low-paid and will exploit young people." He questioned whether employers would want to take on people with criminal convictions.

As part of the attempt to reassure the public that community sentences are not a soft option, magistrates would have a more central role in determining the punishment and content of community sentences and probation orders.

They would be presented with a "menu" of options by probation workers before sentencing an offender and would be more closely involved in deciding what was best for the person in the dock.

The move is an attempt by the Government to restore public confidence in community sentences and probation orders. As part of longer-term plans to change the culture of the probation service, an internal Home Office report is proposing changes to the training of probation officers. The aim is to reduce "political correctness" and to encourage more men and older people to join the service.

The internal Home Office report recommends that the requirement for probation officers to have a social work qualification be abolished and replaced by a diploma putting greater emphasis on practical work.

Although an initial study found that training was "broadly effective", Home Office officials argued that there should be a greater division between probation training and social work training to "avoid the ideology and political correctness which tended to be peddled in social work".

Part of the reason for the changes is an attempt to end the system being "geared towards younger entrants seeking a first career ... rather than older people joining after other careers who bring valuable experience to the work".

The final report of a review into the recruitment and training of probation officers says there is evidence that the present system encourages unmarried younger women into the service.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Mr Howard giving his autograph to PC Peter Hazel of Dorset Police outside his Bournemouth hotel yesterday

'Serial bungler' in the line of fire

BY ALICE THOMSON AND NICHOLAS WOOD

SUNDAY'S riot against the Criminal Justice Bill was the last in a long line of setbacks over the past year which have earned Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, the nickname "serial bungler".

Peers, police, judges and prison officers may not have thrown bricks but they have objected just as strongly to Mr Howard's attempts to toughen up the criminal justice system. Semtex has been found in a prison, five IRA prisoners have escaped and the rest seem to have been ordering lobster thermidor on the state.

Only a year ago Mr Howard was the darling of the Tory conference with his 27-point plan to beat crime. He was even spoken of as the grown-up right-wing pretender to the Tory throne.

A year later he is less popular with the flogging tendency than a foreigner scrounging from the welfare state. His new Bill bans raves and squeegee gangs washing windscreens at traffic lights but for someone who was heralded as the first right-wing Home Secretary for 30 years he has disappointed activists with his inability to tackle mainstream crime — drugs, burglary and violence.

As he prepares to go into the dock before a jury of thousands he runs the risk of pleasing neither the lynch-mob nor the liberals. But he is adamant that without the tough action he announced last year, public confidence in the criminal justice system would have collapsed.

"We were approaching a crisis of confidence 18 months ago," he said in an interview with *The Times*. "It was the time of the Norfolk vigilantes and people were taking the law into their own hands. So I set out to tell people that I don't believe we have to sit back helplessly and hopelessly in the face of a rising tide of crime. There are things that can be done to help the police."

More than 200 resolutions on law and order from local Tory associations, most deeply critical of the Government's record on crime, were submitted for the conference.

Mr Howard admitted yesterday that people were frustrated at the lack of instant results but was insistent that he has not been idle and that his crackdown would soon be taking effect.

The shopkeeper's son from Llanelli, Dyfed, whose political hinterland was chapel Labour with traces of Lloyd George Liberalism, is now on a crusade against the kind of liberal progressive thinking which he believes pervades the whole of the law enforcement process in Britain.

"I believe that a culture has grown up in the criminal justice system over 20 or 30 years, perhaps longer which needs to be changed and I am determined to do all I can to change it," he said.

27-point plan has still to deliver

BY RICHARD FORD

A YEAR ago Michael Howard was cheered to the rafters as he announced his 27-point plan to crack down on crime. Today he will will be able to say that only six measures have been implemented.

He will reverse the defeats when the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill receives the Royal Assent by next month.

Proposals implemented are:
Parish constables: 20 pilot schemes operating.
Cut police paperwork: 16 recommendations accepted, pilot schemes set up.
Reduce repeat cautioning: introduced in spring.
Tougher community sentences: Green Paper published last month.
Better court procedures and consultation over bail: introduced.
Unduly lenient sentences: Attorney General's powers to appeal now include cases of threats to kill, indecent assault, and child neglect.

Other measures delayed in the Criminal Justice Bill are:
Young offenders: new secure training order and units for persistent offenders aged 12-14. Unlikely until late 1995-96.
Maximum sentence for 15-17-year-olds: doubled from 12 to 24 months.
Prevention of terrorism: measures include new police powers to stop and search vehicles and occupants.
Police: permission to take non-intimate body samples for DNA analysis.
Bail: end presumption in favour of bail for those offending while on bail; automatic custody for anyone convicted of rape or homicide subsequently accused of a similar crime; bail to be revoked if new information becomes available about suspect; police to be allowed to set own bail conditions; new power to arrest for breach of police bail.
Courts: abolish order to judges to warn rape juries of the dangers of convicting on woman's evidence alone; new offence of intimidating a witness or juror; right to silence modified after Lord Chief Justice expressed concerns; ban people on bail from being jurors; retrials if juries nobbled.
Criminal Cases Review Body to deal with miscarriages of justice: introduction not one of key measures in Queen's Speech in November.
Prisons: build six new prisons. Sites in Liverpool and Bridgend identified. Others will take rest of decade; urine testing in jails.
Public order: Faster procedures to evict squatters.
Country sports: new police powers to stop disruption by trespassers.

'The tide of ideas is still flowing in our favour'

The following is an extract from Michael Howard's speech to the Conservative Political Centre fringe meeting in Bournemouth yesterday.

"Political parties cannot rely entirely on policies to get themselves re-elected. They have to keep winning the battle of ideas. In the late 1970s the Labour Government had pushed the frontiers of the state about as far as they could go.

"Margaret Thatcher and Keith Joseph set about articulating a different vision based on free markets, greater choice and a rolling back of the frontiers of the state. Their vision won us the 1979 general election and has held intellectual sway in Britain — and increasingly the rest of the world — ever since.

"This victory wasn't achieved by occupying the middle ground. Politics is not about splitting the difference between policies which are right and policies which are wrong. It was a victory achieved by shifting the common ground by creating a new concensus which has largely lasted ever since. This has left the Labour Party struggling to catch up, pretending that they accept our vision, whilst proposing policies which would destroy it.

"Of course the tide of ideas never stays still. And recently there has been a particularly vigorous counter-attack against free market ideas. It may well be seen in retrospect as the last gasp of the collectivists but we must nevertheless take it seriously."

The attack was based on the assertions that free markets were incompatible with developing and preserving strong communities and that introducing market disciplines into the public sector had undermined the ethos of public service essential for the health of institutions.

"It is simply not true that the government is presiding over a system of crude laissez-faire capitalism. Free enterprise in this country operates within a framework of law which covers everything from competition policy and health and safety to the protection of the environment. We are certainly looking vigorously to see whether we can sensibly reduce the burden of regulation on industry because where we can safely do so this will help improve business competitiveness and the prospect of jobs. But we are engaging in this task pragmatically on a case by case basis.

"It is of course true that the essential process of change does cause tragic human casualties. And it is our job to create the conditions in which maximum encouragement is given to the creation of new jobs to replace the ones which are lost.

"It is certainly true that individuals are likely to find increasingly that they change job more frequently than used to be the case. That will for many provide the opportunity for a more fulfilling life than getting stuck in one rut all their lives. So there are winners as well as losers from the processes of change."

Labour still saw duty in terms of what the state owed to its dependents not that which the citizen owed to himself and the community.

"For all Tony Blair's sleight of hand, Labour will remain the party which proclaims that society is responsible for the difficulties faced by individuals and that only through government, with its ability to pass laws and levy taxes, will these difficulties be removed. For Labour the desire to control will always predominate."

Dismissing claims that Conservatives undermined a civic sense of purpose by introducing market disciplines into the public sector, Mr Howard continued: "Indeed the aim of all our reforms has been to strengthen these institutions. The changes we have introduced have not always been welcome to those who work in the public services. That is hardly surprising and we should always seek to consult and where possible take them with us. But they cannot have a veto on change... "The values and vision of the Conservative Party are as powerful and resonant as they were in 1979. The tide of ideas is still flowing strongly in our favour. We believe that free markets and strong communities complement each other and our policies successfully translate this into action on the ground.

"Tony Blair's speech last week was an extraordinary attempt to cover up the total ideological bankruptcy of socialism. Having lost confidence in his own slogans he is trying to borrow ours ... If he chooses to fight on our ground he is playing into our hands. And we will drive him from the field with all the force which centuries of proud history bring to our command."

Heseltine takes gamble over PO sell-off

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND ROBERT MORGAN

MICHAEL Heseltine took his Cabinet battle to privatise the Royal Mail to the floor of the party conference yesterday with an appeal for it to be given the help it needs to beat off foreign competition.

The President of the Board of Trade went over the heads of the Government's doubting business managers by extolling the virtues of earlier privatisations that went ahead despite fierce opposition.

In a high-risk gamble, Mr Heseltine defended his proposal to sell 51 per cent of the Royal Mail, even though he has yet to secure Cabinet backing. It is strongly opposed by the Government whips and business managers, who fear a troubled passage through the Commons.

However, Mr Heseltine is backed by a powerful Cabinet alliance of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, Jonathan Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is also believed to have dropped his outright opposition.

But there remains substantial unease within the party and fears that the Government could be defeated by an alliance of Labour MPs and Tory dissidents. Even ministers close to Mr Heseltine are uncertain whether his proposal will be accepted by a Cabinet committee over the next few weeks. The Prime Minister's position will be pivotal.

However, Mr Heseltine's friends say that after his strong defence of the privatisation yesterday he cannot be blamed if it does not go ahead. In a well-received conference speech, Mr Heseltine said ministers were carefully considering all the arguments before reaching a decision. Pointing to British Telecom and British Airways, he said: "We pioneered a movement that has swept the world. It took vision, guts and determination because everyone was against us — until we did it. Now they cannot get on the bandwagon fast enough."

He repeated his pledge that a universal delivery service at a standard price would be maintained and reassured representatives that he did not want to privatise sub-post offices because nearly all were privately owned. However, he wanted to remove constraints on them to be able to sell more services.

"What the Government is considering and consulting about is how to allow the Royal Mail to be as successful as BT or BA. Yes, Royal Mail is a success story, but it is now losing market share. Royal Mail want to fight back. They want to use their expertise, their reputation to take on their competitors on their own terms. They believe they can win."

Expected opposition from the floor to the plan did not materialise. Robert Buckland, president of the Llanelli party, said that although the Post Office was operating well with the conventional letter service, the fibre optic revolution was poised to change all that.

Mr Buckland said the national letters service had to stay and Post Office Counters should stay in the public sector, but the only way for Royal Mail and Parcel Force to take their rightful places as market leaders was through privatisation.

Private money would provide the necessary investment and the country would benefit from tax revenues. "This is not about dogma, this is about realism," he said.



Heseltine appealing for support yesterday

NHS cheats to be purged

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JEREMY LAURANCE

TOUGH rules are to be introduced to curb prescription charge evasion costing the NHS millions of pounds.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, announced a clampdown on prescription charge "cheats", whom she claimed defrauded the health service of up to £30 million each year.

Four out of five prescriptions are dispensed free of the £4.50 charge to children, the elderly, people on benefits and pregnant women. However, Mrs Bottomley said that many others were falsely claiming exemption.

She also announced an extension of the 18-month limit on waiting times for hip, knee and cataract surgery to cover all operations. A limit on the waiting time for a first outpatient appointment is also to be set.

Mrs Bottomley, who has been accused of allowing the health service to become top-heavy with managers, told the conference: "While I am Secretary of State, bureaucracy will have no hiding place." NHS trusts will in future have to disclose their management costs with the annual hospital league tables.

A big expansion in GP fundholders was heralded. Mrs Bottomley announced a reduction in the minimum list size for fundholding practices from 7,000 patients to 3,000, allowing a further 3,400 practices to qualify for the scheme.

However, only half the 2,700 practices that are eligible at present have elected to join the scheme and ministers are worried that GPs' enthusiasm for fundholding may have peaked.

Mrs Bottomley reserved her most savage attack for those who claim free prescriptions without entitlement. "One sort of waste really makes me angry: when people try to rip off our health service. Too many prescription fraudsters cheat our health service out of millions of pounds." Patients may be required to show identification when claiming free prescriptions.

Gerry Malone, the health minister, is to meet pharmacists, GPs and other interested parties to discuss proposals, which may involve GPs authorising exemption claims.

Mrs Bottomley said: "If people should pay a charge we should make sure it is collected. If people aren't paying who should be, the burden is carried by other people. The whole process of prescribing, dispensing and cashing prescriptions can be tightened up. We will be having urgent discussions with the professions most closely involved."

Lilley aims to give £1,000 springboard off benefits

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A SCHEME to get people off benefits and into jobs by offering them "back-to-work bonuses" of up to £1,000, was announced by Peter Lilley yesterday in a blatant attempt to pre-empt Labour's Social Justice Commission which reports later this month.

In a speech which earned him a standing ovation, the Social Security Secretary also gave his customary swipe at Brussels after launching a renewed attack on benefit fraud, and announcing moves to cut benefit for prisoners and ease the poverty trap for part-time workers.

Under the present system part-time workers on low pay are discouraged from working longer hours because benefit is removed in direct proportion to extra earnings. Yesterday Mr Lilley effectively removed this poverty trap by disclosing plans to allow people working part time to build up credits of up to £1,000 which could be cashed in when they got a full-time job.

Tony Blair has made clear that he wants to remove poverty traps as part of the Labour's welfare reforms and the Social Justice Commission is expected to recommend sweeping changes in this direction. Mr Lilley, adapting words used by the Labour leadership, said his plan "will transform the system from a safety-net that traps you, into a trampoline that you can spring from".

Mr Lilley said the new measures would be contained in the Job Seekers Allowance Bill, which reduces unemployment benefit to six months, and would be implemented in April 1996.

The plan would cost "tens of millions of pounds" to implement in the shorter term, said Mr Lilley, with 150,000 people expecting to get a bonus payment each year. However, the savings on benefit would make the plan self-financing eventually.

Under the scheme, a benefit claimant will be able to earn up to a fixed threshold without it affecting their earnings. Those earning above that level, yet to be decided, would have some of their "excess" earnings deducted from their benefits. But half their earnings would be held back in a central fund to build up a bonus payment of up to £1,000 per person, which would be paid to them when they left benefit and started working more than 16 hours a week.

Mr Lilley is also scrapping the system whereby prisoners can get their rents paid for up to a year as part of an ongoing battle against abuses of the welfare system. Under new proposals to be brought in in April 1995, housing benefit will only be paid for up to 13 weeks for new single prisoners.

"Prisoners can get their rent paid for a year on their empty homes outside," said Mr Lilley. "That's wrong. I'll ask Parliament to stop it. We shouldn't go on paying criminals' rents. They should be paying their debts to society."

Mr Lilley also pledged to stamp out schemes to avoid national insurance payments by paying bonuses in items such as wine and gold. "I am fed up with spivvy schemes to avoid national insurance contributions by paying yuppies their bonuses in gold bars, diamonds or vintage wines," he said.

He confirmed that he intended to scrap order books within three years by linking each post office direct to a central computer and giving each claimant a smart card to collect their money.

Mr Lilley, who wooed last year's conference with an attack on foreigners and "benefit tourists", yesterday adopted a more measured swipe at Brussels. Britain should be at peace with its European neighbours, but not subordinate to them. "Not a United States of Europe, but a United Europe of states."



Euro-sceptics in ecstasy as Portillo lambasts Brussels

BY JILL SHERMAN

MICHAEL Portillo took the party conference by storm yesterday by staking his claim to the Tory leadership with a blistering attack on Brussels.

In a formidable speech which earned him an ecstatic reception from conference representatives, the employment secretary reasserted his credentials as the standard bearer of the Right.

Unashamedly playing the anti-Brussels card the new conference darling claimed that Europeans paid themselves too much, took longer holidays and had shorter working weeks. "Such indulgences cost business money and cost us jobs."

To applause, cheers and enthusiastic whistles Mr Portillo hit out at the social chapter and claimed Europe was facing a crisis of competitiveness. "Europe isn't working. We've got to get Europe back to work."

As Tory divisions over Europe continued to dominate the conference, Mr Portillo took a blatantly different line from that of Douglas Hurd on Tuesday in what was widely seen as a leadership bid. Brussels sometimes had to be told to stop, Mr Portillo said. "Stop telling us how many hours we're allowed to work. Stop telling kids they can't earn pocket money from doing their paper rounds. Stop telling small businesses they must give three months' paternity leave. Stop the rot from Brussels."

He hailed the Prime Minister's decision to opt out of the social chapter, as an act of statesmanship.

"He has provided us with a weapon. My responsibility is to use it to defend Britain's interests. Let me make it clear, if ever there is a conflict between jobs in Britain and toeing the line in Europe, jobs in Britain will win with me every time."

As he finished with a triumphant claim that he had never felt more proud to be a Conservative, the conference hall went wild. Organisers almost lost control as representatives jumped to their feet, arms waving, to give their hero a five-minute standing ovation.

Later Mr Portillo tried to play down the reception, which was notably more enthusiastic than that given to Mr Hurd. "Mr Hurd is in a different league from me. He is a major international statesman and he delivered a statesman like-speech," he said. The greatest disagreements with Europe was on unemployment he said. "In the employment field the tone is different for that reason."

Putting Britain first was not xenophobic, but patriotic, said Mr Portillo in his conference speech. In contrast Labour jumped when Brussels clicked its fingers. "Just as when the Unions wave their cheque books, Labour bows."

John Bercow, from Bristol South, proved to be Mr Portillo's warm-up act. Labour feared the minister because "he has the moral courage and self-confidence to eat them alive — before breakfast, before lunch, before tea and dinner as well," Mr Bercow said.

"Who better to drive out Spanish practices than Michael Portillo? And who better than he to tell federalist conspirators what they need to hear: no, no, no and no."

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Britain is renamed on Euro-map

A MAP of the Continent with Britain relegated to the status of a province of a greater federal Europe is hanging in the corridors of power in Brussels, Lord Tebbit claimed yesterday.

"They've got the maps up in the Commission already where it's not called Great Britain. It's called Mercia, by the way, as one of the provinces," he said in a BBC radio interview.

His comments provoked a flurry of journalistic interest. A BBC reporter was dispatched to scour the map shops of London to see if a copy of the map could be found, but without success.

Sir Leon Brittan, a European Commissioner and former Tory Cabinet minister, flatly denied that it was anything at all to do with the Commission. "There's no such map that has anything whatsoever to do with the European Union," he said.

A spokeswoman for Lord Tebbit admitted later that he had been mistaken. The map was not on the walls of the Commission but on the wall of "one of its staunchest supporters". She would not reveal the owner's identity.

'Everyone is a lottery winner'

BY ROBERT MORGAN POLITICAL STAFF

STEPHEN Dorrell, the new National Heritage Secretary, claimed yesterday that everyone will be a winner when the national lottery gets underway next month.

He told the Conservative Conference that he would be first in the queue when tickets went on sale on November 14, and five days later he would be in front of his television watching the first draw.

The lottery offered the chance for everyone to play. "But in a sense all of us will be winners, because even if we do not win a prize we shall all benefit from the substantial extra resources which the lottery will make available to arts, to sport and to our ancient buildings," he said.

Today's agenda

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will wind up the debate on the economy and Michael Howard, Home Secretary, will speak during the law and order debate. Other debates are on the environment, education, and Ulster.

He may be a successful businessman, but he still likes his Kellogg's Rice Krispies.

What he's not too keen on however, is the breaking-up and fading that occasionally happens with mobile phones.

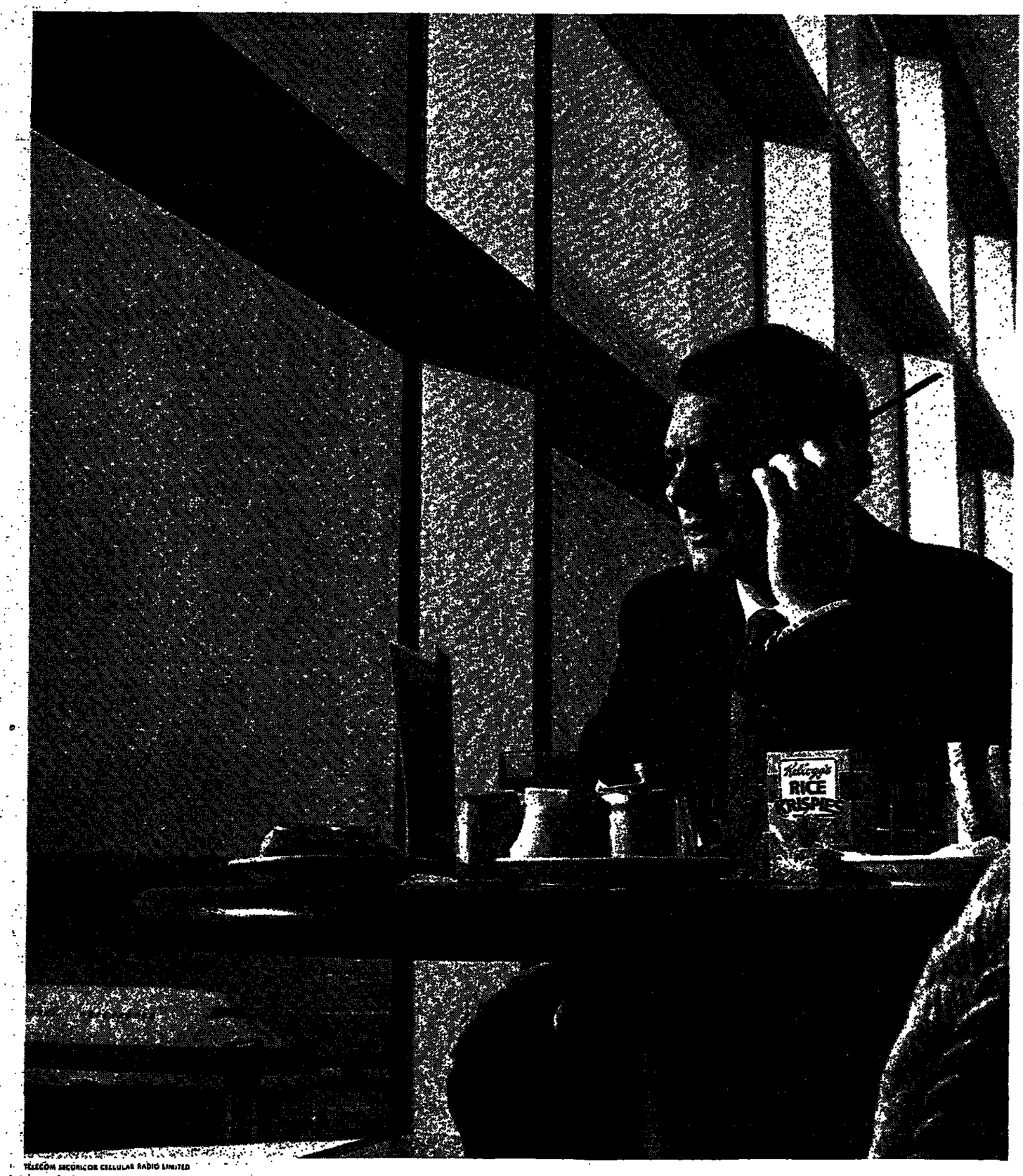
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Democratic candidates steer clear of Clinton

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

WHEN President Clinton hit the campaign trail in Michigan, none of the Democratic candidates whose efforts he had come to support appeared on the platform with him.

The absence of the party's nominees was unprecedented. It is a hoary ritual of American politics for a President on the stump to lift the hand of the local candidate for the cameras and, sometimes after a quick check of his notes, to utter the time-worn appeal: "I ask you to send my good friend so-and-so to Washington, where we urgently need his or her vote to get our agenda through Congress".

Mr Clinton's first foray for the mid-term Congressional elections on November 8 was a vivid illustration of how Democrats have asked the President to stay at home because he is so unpopular. In Michigan, before his appearance, newspaper polls showed that seven out of ten voters consider him a disappointment. Ford had given 4,000 workers the morning off to attend his rally in the factory car park in Dearborn, but only 600 turned up.

Bob Carr, a Democratic congressman who is behind in his race for the Senate, was in the audience but avoided two chances to stand beside Mr Clinton. He said he was there only because Mr Clinton is President and pointedly added that he had not invited him. Lynn Rivers, trying to hold on to a Democratic seat in the House of Representatives, sent apologies because she had to meet local editors. Bob Mitchell, another Democrat running for the House, said he was too busy raising funds.

Undeterred, the President launched into an attack on the Republicans that will form the essence of his electioneering over the next four weeks. He took issue with their new *Contract With America*, a ten-point legislative programme that he said was so costly it should be called a Mafia-style contract *on* America.

The document was a throwback to Reaganism and Americans should not be tricked into trickle-down economics again. "No one would want to go back to the days when we exported jobs, not products, or to a time when the deficit was exploding and our economy was going downhill," Mr Clinton said. He admitted that both parties bore some blame for Washington's gridlock, but he pleaded for time to finish the job he was elected to do. One assembly-line worker repeatedly shouted: "Atta boy, Billy".

Meanwhile, the first roiling row of the campaign has erupted in Virginia where Oliver North, the Iran-Contra figure who lied to Congress and is now running as a Republican for the Senate, blamed Mr Clinton for defence cuts that had left a "hollow military" unable to protect Kuwait against an Iraqi invasion.

Democrats led by Al Gore, the Vice-President, seized on the remark as the first serious blunder by Mr North in a lavishly funded, populist campaign that has given him a narrow lead over Chuck Robb, the Democratic incumbent.

Mr Gore denounced Mr North as a traitor who had given "aid and comfort" to President Saddam Hussein. "It is despicable, it is unpatriotic and, as is often the case with statements from Oliver North, it is also patently untrue," Mr Gore said. In an odd rebuttal, Mr North said it was shameful of the White House to use an international crisis where American lives were at stake to promote its own political agenda. Yet that was exactly what Mr North had done in the first place.

Media focuses on 'most upwardly mobile Greek since Icarus'



Michael Huffington and wife Arianna. Democrats fear he may win California

Tycoon's wife makes the running for Senate race

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN SAN FRANCISCO

When Michael Huffington's limousine drew up outside San Francisco's Sheraton Palace Hotel on Tuesday the television crews rushed forwards. Their prey was not California's tall, thin Republican Senate candidate, but his wife. Was it true she belonged to a bizarre religious cult, they demanded? Was she masterminding her husband's campaign?

The media throng pursued the couple through the hotel. Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington, Greek-born and Cambridge-educated, smiled but said nothing. Her husband politely told her interrogators to get lost. Finally they reached the sanctuary of the ballroom, where Mr Huffington was to give a rare public speech to San Francisco's Commonwealth Club.

He began with a joke: "I want to dispel any notion my wife is the driving force behind this campaign, a point I'll be making several times during this speech she wrote for me." He ended by emphasising the importance of God in American life. Mr Huffington is within reach of a remarkable victory against Dianne Feinstein, the Democratic incumbent, on November 8. His campaign might have been conceived by a Hollywood scriptwriter parodying the superficiality of modern American electioneering. In 1990 the Texan, 47, made $70 million (£46 million) from selling his family's oil business. In 1991 he moved to California. In 1992 he spent a record $5.2 million to oust a veteran Republican congressman in Santa Barbara. After just nine months in the House of Representatives, he announced he was running for the Senate.

Mr Huffington did so little in the House that the *Santa Barbara Independent* dubbed him the "alleged congressman". He argued that Washington was already drowning in useless legislation, and that he did not fight for money for his district because he believed in shrinking the government. Not surprisingly, his disgruntled constituents voted for his opponent in last spring's Republican senatorial primary, and several prominent local Republicans later declared for Ms Feinstein.

Fortunately for Mr Huffington, millions of Californians had no such direct knowledge of him. He hired an entire stable of top Republican packagers. For months he has saturated the airwaves with commercials portraying Ms Feinstein as an ultra-liberal tax-and-spender, himself as a successful entrepreneur and family man. By election day he will have spent at least $20 million — more than any other candidate in US Senate history.

The real Mr Huffington has been kept well hidden. He has rejected most interview requests and largely avoided the press. His public appearances have mostly been carefully scripted setpieces. He has refused to release his tax returns. Six times during the primary his wife debated for him.

> "It's his wife who's running, not him. When you look in his eyes you see the back of his head"

With America so angry at Washington the strategy has, till now, worked spectacularly well. He has drawn level with Ms Feinstein, the former Mayor of San Francisco, who began the race 26 points ahead and was, as recently as March, California's most popular politician. Democrats are appalled. If they lose seats like hers, they cannot hope to save their slim Senate majority.

But the American media have finally begun investigating the man behind the television image. *The Wall Street Journal* derided his business record, suggesting his vast wealth was "largely the fruits of his father's success". *The Washington Post*, *Time*, the *New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair* and others have all homed in on his wife and reached remarkably similar conclusions.

They depict Mrs Huffington not as the Cambridge Union's first female president and author of best-selling biographies of Picasso and Maria Callas (which some say are not only badly written but also plagiarised), but as the "Sir Edmund Hillary of social climbers" and the "most upwardly mobile Greek since Icarus". They mock her for hiring Pamela Harriman's cook and butler when Washington's leading hostess was appointed Ambassador to France, and for holding pretentious, tape-recorded dinner parties at her Washington mansion.

The articles all claim it is Mrs Huffington's fierce ambition and her brains driving her husband's candidacy, an assertion corroborated by numerous former aides. They claim Mr Huffington's only original policy proposal — replacing the welfare state with private charity — comes straight from her latest book. "It's his wife who's running, not him," insists Barney Klinger, a major Republican fundraiser from Santa Barbara. "He's totally devoid of any intelligence ... When you look in his eyes you see the back of his head."

Most damaging of all, the articles charge that Mrs Huffington has long been a senior disciple of John-Roger, founder of the controversial Church of the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness against which numerous allegations of brainwashing, corruption and blasphemy have been levelled. Mrs Huffington insists she left the movement when she became a born-again Christian in 1987, but its own records show she donated a further $35,000 to John-Roger between 1990 and 1993. Frank Rich, the *New York Times* columnist, dubbed the Huffingtons "an empty suit and a crackpot". Mrs Huffington, now a campaign issue, complains of a liberal media plot.

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Haiti artist beaten to death by gang of pro-junta thugs

FROM TOM RHODES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

ONE of Haiti's most promising artists, Stevenson Magloire, has become just another statistic on the lengthening list of those who have been killed in the country since the arrival of American forces last month.

His was a particularly brutal murder in which a group of more than ten Haitians had systematically beaten the artist to death near a local football ground last Saturday before dumping his body in a gully near his mother's home. Using rocks wrapped in a towel they had left very few marks on the body. When his family identified Mr Magloire at the city mortuary they assumed he had been poisoned, until they were told by doctors that every internal organ was shattered and his genitalia ground to a pulp.

It seems that Mr Magloire, whose white girlfriend and trappings of success were increasingly resented by certain neighbours in Port-au-Prince, had fallen foul of a band of civilian thugs closely connected to the military regime. They had stolen one of his paintings — symbolically an unfinished work depicting the future of Haiti under president Jean-Bertrand Aristide — and he had reported them to the local police station in Pétionville on at least two occasions. Each time Haitian police had arrested and then released the group without charge, according to Ramphin Magloire, the victim's brother.

In the meantime, Stevenson himself was variously threatened, arrested and beaten up at the station. He had been forced to leave his own home and, at the time of his death, was living with his mother and brother, both of whom are distinguished Haitian artists.

The presence of US forces and the imminent return of Mr Aristide, of whom Mr Magloire was a fervent supporter, led to carelessness. Louisiane St Fleurant, his mother, said yesterday she had pleaded with her son to go into hiding but he refused.

Last Wednesday the gang had accosted Mr Magloire and started to beat him with batons. His brother had been forced to step in to save his life. "I knew then that he was in serious danger," said Ramphin Magloire. "They told me I would be the only one left by the time Aristide returned and they said they must get rid of my brother. There is no doubt that the arrival of the Americans had a significant effect on the long-standing feud."

With only days left before the arrival of the Haitian President, many of the armed paramilitary gangs and civilians known to have operated as vigilantes will target individuals they believe could endanger their future existence in Haiti. Mr Magloire intended to pursue his complaint in the courts once the new ministers, who took their places in government yesterday, came to power.

The 31-year-old mystical artist, described by gallery owner Mireille Jérôme as one of the most talented of his generation, has a strong following among the Aristide camp. "We are carrying out our own investigation. We know who did this and we know who they worked for," said Ramphin Magloire. "Let us just see what happens next."



An American soldier guarding the National Palace as the exiled government prepared to return to Port-au-Prince

Military's President surrenders his post

Port-au-Prince: Haiti's military-backed President Jonassaint has quit, completing the departure of coup officials before the homecoming on Saturday of President Aristide.

The formal resignation of Emile Jonassaint, broadcast on local radio yesterday morning, followed Tuesday's takeover of the National Palace and other government ministries by US troops.

Mr Jonassaint, 81, installed as provisional President by the military after Mr Aristide was forced into exile, thanked the people of Haiti for their help "through the most tragic period of its history". He had put pressure on Haitian officials to sign a pact with the US and accept an agreement brokered by former President Carter to avert an American invasion. Under the pact, the military leadership had until Saturday to step down.

The world never recognised the designation last May of Mr Jonassaint to replace the elected Mr Aristide.

With all the military officials involved in the removal of Mr Aristide having resigned, the capital's streets are being cleaned in anticipation of his return. Mr Aristide's ministers were preparing to move into their offices at the National Palace yesterday. "We can now roll up our sleeves and begin to rebuild democracy in the spirit of reconciliation," said Louis Dejoie, the new Commerce Minister. (*AP*)

Fathers pay penalty for working wives

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

FATHERS whose wives also have jobs suffer from a "daddy penalty", according to research in the United States.

Two studies presented to the Academy of Management say that husbands whose wives stay at home with the children earn more than those whose wives work. The findings have sparked a heated debate in corporate America, with companies disputing the academics' suggestions that they favour men whose wives stay at home. "My hunch is that there is an element of discrimination to it, although I cannot prove it by the data," Frieda Reitman of Pace University, the co-author of one study, said. "I think so because the men who are in the top levels of an organisation are men in traditional families and they are much more likely to be comfortable with men like them."

Mrs Reitman studied 231 men who received masters' degrees in business administration in the late 1970s, and found that, all else being equal, those with wives at home with the children earned 25 per cent more than those whose wives had their own careers. Men who were the sole breadwinners had an average income of $121,630 (£81,086) a year, compared to $97,490 for those whose wives went out to work.

The second study, by Linda Stroh of Chicago's Loyola University, looked at 348 male managers of 20 of America's biggest companies. Fathers whose spouses stayed at home received 20 per cent higher pay rises than those whose spouses had their own careers.

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Paris ministers refuse to support American call for military exclusion zone in southern Iraq

Sceptical French voice concern over US motives

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

FRENCH scepticism over the American show of force in the Gulf became public yesterday when François Léotard, the Defence Minister, said President Saddam Hussein of Iraq had broken no United Nations resolutions and suggested that political motives were driving President Clinton.

"There is nothing illegal in the movement of Iraqi forces inside Iraq. There is nothing that violates United Nations resolutions," M Léotard said after a Cabinet session on the Gulf crisis with President Mitterrand, Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, and Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister. The deployment of American forces "was not unconnected to domestic politics," M Léotard added.

He was voicing a consensus in the French media which has depicted the affair as a windfall for Mr Clinton's campaign to repair his image ahead of the mid-term congressional elections after his foreign policy fumbling.

M Léotard's remarks were echoed by M Juppé, who said France had no intention of supporting an American call for an exclusion zone for Iraqi land forces in southern Iraq. French concerns on the nature of the zone are shared by some of Iraq's neighbours. Fears of Iranian influence in southern Iraq, where there are huge oil reserves, will play a key role in determining the extent of any zone designed to prevent Iraq



throwing the world into crisis again by threatening Kuwait.

The United States has made the dual containment of Iraq and Iran a cornerstone of its security policy in the Middle East. These concerns will be weighed against the advantages of having a sizeable zone that would protect Iraq's downtrodden Shias, provide a refuge for disaffected Iraqi army officers, and give Kuwait a security buffer.

"We are certain that such a zone would help to overthrow the regime through the Iraqi army taking refuge there," said Bayan Jabor, a spokesman for the largest Shia opposition group, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Kuwait has called for the zone to extend as far north as the 32nd parallel, which marks the boundary of a no-fly zone established by the allies in August 1992. It extends to just 90 miles south of Baghdad to the city of al-Amarah. That would put Iraq's third city, Basra, and a huge sweep of territory beyond the effective control of the Iraqi government and leave the key Fao peninsula and huge oilfields vulnerable to Iranian ambitions.

"It would be a very dangerous precedent," said an Arab diplomat. "It would mean Fao and the oil-exporting terminals in the south are not protected by the Iraqi army." Iran has long taken a key interest in southern Iraq where fellow Shias are the most populous sect.

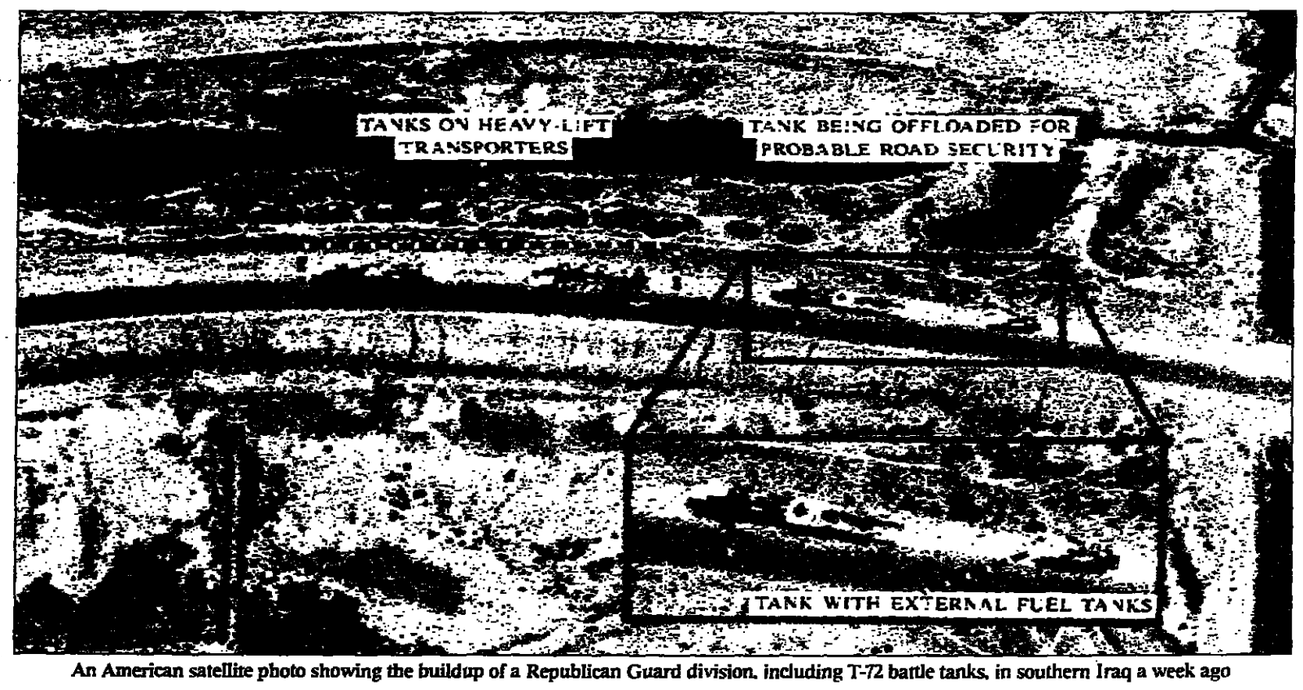
M Juppé said it was now up to the UN Security Council to confirm that Iraqi forces had withdrawn after their "inadmissible provocation". However, in a swipe at the Americans, he added: "One should not over-react".

France, like Britain, has sent a frigate to the area and joined the chorus seeking to dissuade Saddam from starting any action against Kuwait. However, officials, senior military officers and commentators have voiced misgivings over the true nature of Iraqi actions and especially towards Mr Clinton's decision to send heavy forces to Kuwait.

News of the reported Iraqi build-up embarrassed Paris because it had reopened links with Baghdad and was, along with Russia and China, pressing Iraq's case at the United Nations for softening the embargo. Officials say they are worried that America is indulging in provocation. "Both sides seem to be playing soldiers, and you know where that can end," said one official. M Juppé said France wanted to "de-dramatise" the situation and called for everyone to "keep their cool". *Le Monde* noted that "the Americans could end up choosing to force things with preventive attacks".

The government and senior military officers are especially concerned that France and the other allies have had to depend on US satellite data for evidence on the Iraqi build-up on the Kuwait frontier. Some have talked of exaggeration in the US interpretation of the information.

French reaction has mirrored the country's attempts in the initial phase of the last Gulf crisis to steer a middle path as a mediator. Jean-Pierre Chevènement, the left-wing Socialist who resigned as Defence Minister because he opposed French involvement in the war, is urging the government "not to give in to (US) propaganda and make its independent voice heard". M Chevènement, along with many pundits, has linked the US response to the desire of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states to prevent the return of Iraqi oil to the world markets, an event likely to drive down prices.



An American satellite photo showing the buildup of a Republican Guard division, including T-72 battle tanks, in southern Iraq a week ago

Yompers eager to test desert skills

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN KUWAIT

THE first 145 of a contingent of nearly 1,000 men from 45 Royal Marine Commando, the British unit which made "yomping" a military byword in the 1982 Falklands War, landed here from Scotland yesterday in a significant beefing up of allied preparedness for possible conflict with Saddam Hussein.

It has long been an open secret that the Marines were bitterly disappointed not to have had any role in the 1991 Gulf War, and those stepping down into the blinding sunshine from a white RAF TriStar were eager to bring their skills to desert fighting if needed.

"My views about Saddam Hussein are unprintable in your paper," said Clark Young, 32, a sergeant from Stirling. "All I can say now is that being here is part of our job. We are all prepared to get in and get it done, whatever it may turn out to be."

The famous packs which made the "yomp" or rapid route march under the equipment such an effective tactic in the Falklands were transferred in Kuwaiti cattle trucks to the desert artillery camp which will be the Marines first staging post. They are expected to move further north into the desert when the full contingent is here.

About 10 per cent of those landing yesterday were Falklands veterans, including Regimental Sergeant Major Keith Rigby, carrying the black cane which is the symbol of his position. In the battle against the Argentinians he was just a corporal.

"It is a bloody sight warmer than the Falklands," he said, beads of perspiration already gathering on his pale forehead. One thing I hope is that we will not have to yomp through the desert."

The Marines, including the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel David Wilson, from Worcestershire, had little clear idea of their immediate role. The speed of the transfer at 24 hours' notice meant that they had not even had time to change into desert fatigues.

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Actually, studies show that some ethnic minorities get the best grades at school. But of course, you won't have heard about that. All you will have heard about are the kind of marks that grab the headlines. The vicious playground beatings, the horrific knife attacks and the senseless murders.



A disturbing Home Office report on 'racial attacks' in Britain, published a few years ago, estimated that Asians were 50 times more likely than whites to be the victims of racially motivated attacks.

In one extreme case in a Manchester school, a young Asian boy was senselessly stabbed to death by a 13 year old white pupil, simply for protecting other younger Asian boys from being bullied.

The scars verbal attacks leave behind may not be as visible as the physical ones but they can be just as damaging.

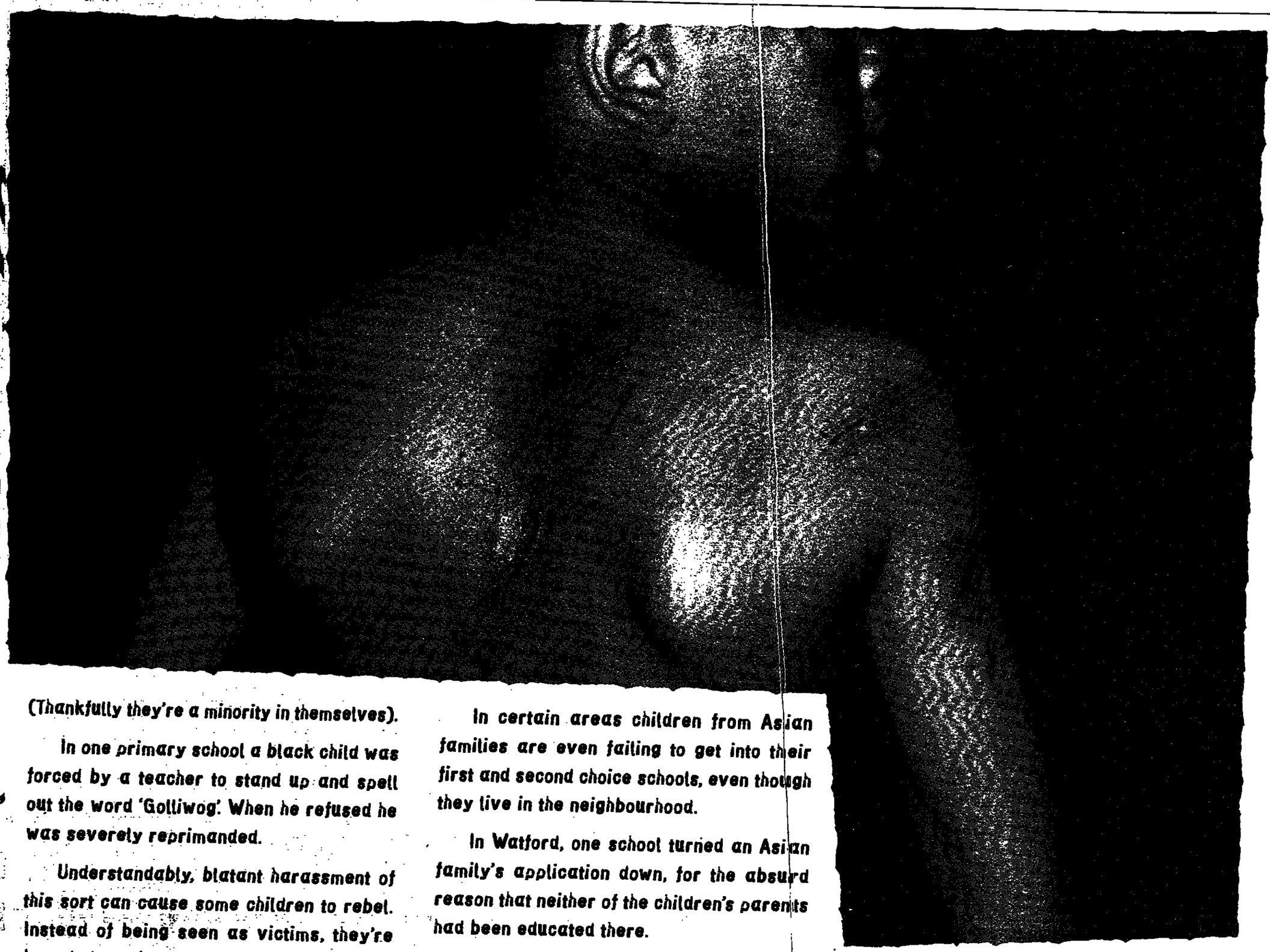
'Coon', 'Paki', 'Nigger'.

Faced with racial taunts like this, a once smiling, untroubled child can quickly become shy and withdrawn.

A 7 year old Asian girl from the North West is a case in point. She became so traumatised by the persistent name calling she tried to bleach her skin so she could be like everyone else and fit in.

What's more shocking, is that it's not just children who are the offenders.

In fact, some teachers can be racist too.



(Thankfully they're a minority in themselves).

In one primary school a black child was forced by a teacher to stand up and spell out the word 'Golliwog'. When he refused he was severely reprimanded.

Understandably, blatant harassment of this sort can cause some children to rebel. Instead of being seen as victims, they're branded troublemakers.

It might explain why Afro Caribbean boys are four times more likely to be suspended than white children, for the same misbehaviour.

Recent research has shown that sometimes teachers will place black and Asian pupils into the lower ability sets when they first start secondary school.

They mistakenly believe they will be unable to learn successfully with their white counterparts in the higher ability groups.

Young talent that would under normal circumstances have flourished, is stifled.

In certain areas children from Asian families are even failing to get into their first and second choice schools, even though they live in the neighbourhood.

In Watford, one school turned an Asian family's application down, for the absurd reason that neither of the children's parents had been educated there.

Clearly this is wrong. Something has to be done to stop this discrimination.

To this end the government set up the Commission for Racial Equality to enforce and review the Race Relations Act of 1976.

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From monitoring, collecting, and recording information, (a job the government should be doing, not just the CRE), to supporting complaints and publishing research, we're constantly pressurising the government into making much needed changes.

A Department for Education circular recently sent out to all schools, on our advice, contained information on admissions.

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(It would seem, that sometimes we have to educate the educators).

It's not just up to the government to help.

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If you suspect that your child has been unfairly treated at school, complain.

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Alternatively, contact your local Racial Equality Council for advice, or write to the CRE at the address below.

The onus is on all of us to make sure our children grow up respecting the different cultures that make up Britain today.

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Yeltsin looks for scapegoats after rouble's collapse

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE catastrophic fall of the Russian rouble this week has cast doubt on Russia's vaunted economic "stabilisation" programme and is causing a political crisis. The question now is whether the currency will regain some stability, or if the country is in for another round of crippling inflation.

Inflation was already hitting Moscow's shops yesterday, as the prices of imported food and alcohol soared in response to the rise in the dollar. With more than 50 per cent of Moscow's food now imported, the effects on ordinary people are going to be severe.

As President Yeltsin and parliament looked for scapegoats, conspiracy theories to explain Tuesday's fall of the rouble to 3,926 to the dollar from Monday's rate of 3,081, abounded. Newspapers, and even brokers on Moscow's fledgeling currency exchange, talked of a "mystery figure" pumping billions of roubles into the market. The first victim of President Yeltsin's anger was Sergei Dubinin, the acting Finance Minister, who was summarily dismissed by a Kremlin decree even as he stood at the podium addressing parliament. But Mr Dubinin eschewed responsibility by blaming "speculators". Other ministers have talked of "unknown forces".

President Yeltsin has fed this paranoia and again demonstrated his shaky grasp of market economics, by ordering the secret services to find out "who is behind" the tumble of the rouble. He told the Russian Security Council yesterday that the crisis "is the result either of sabotage or of the gross irresponsibility of a group of persons who engineered this fall".

A favourite figure in many conspiracy theories is Viktor Gerashchenko, the State Bank chairman, whose dismissal has now been demanded by President Yeltsin. An old Soviet financial bureaucrat, who strongly opposed the break up of the Soviet Union, he has always been against radical economic reform.

One theory has it that Mr Gerashchenko engineered the crisis so as to bring down the government of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and replace it with one more sympathetic to the demands of the army and heavy industry for subsidies.

The most likely explanation, however, seems to be that while a drop in the value of the rouble was planned by the State Bank, it had no intention of creating anything like the fall that occurred. With hard currency reserves of barely $4 billion (£2.5 billion), and having already spent $2 billion in the course of the summer in propping up the rouble, the State Bank proved simply too weak to control the situation.

Evidence of this had emerged when at the start of the tumble three days ago, several Russian officials emphasised that the fall was not uncontrolled, and that it was in line with the government's economic policy. According to Mikhail Delyagin, a chief analyst in Mr Yeltsin's administration, a limited drop would have stimulated investment and benefited domestic producers at the expense of importers.

Until this crisis, it appeared that the political autumn might be relatively quiet, but with a no-confidence motion now tabled for next week, it seems likely that the opposition will be unable to resist the opportunity to put the boot into Mr Chernomyrdin.

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President Yeltsin speaking to the Kremlin's Security Council on the rouble's fall

China and Russia seek new missiles

BY MICHAEL EVANS
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RUSSIA and China are developing new nuclear missile systems which could be in service or flight-tested before the end of the century. The United States, by contrast, is not planning a new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) for at least 15 years.

The development of more sophisticated weapons when the focus has been on the dismantling of strategic systems and on the prospects of a comprehensive test ban treaty next year was highlighted yesterday by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies in its *Military Balance* report.

The annual report also estimated that no Russian combat formations, including airborne and peacekeeping divisions, had more than 75 per cent of their authorised strength, and about 70 per cent of the divisions had less than 50 per cent. The shortages were due to the high percentage of conscripts who were automatically granted deferment. However, the institute said that in the past many Soviet divisions were deliberately undermanned and depended on reservists.

Although Russia has continued to eliminate strategic weapons ahead of ratification of the Start I treaty, including another 40 SS11 ICBMs, Moscow is expected to flight-test a new ICBM and a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) before the end of the decade. The report said the new ICBM was likely to be a successor to the mobile SS25. The new missile would be both road-mobile and silo-launched, probably from the 90 SS18 silos in which single warhead missiles could be deployed under Start 2 rules.

China's three nuclear tests since October last year — the most recent only last week — suggested that a number of new weapons were being developed, including two ballistic missile systems.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nato to push UN on Bosnia

London: A senior Nato delegation is expected to visit the United Nations in New York today to discuss a tougher airstrike policy in Bosnia, with UN officials objecting to the alliance making unilateral decisions on which targets to hit (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

The meeting comes as the UN faces an emergency in delivering aid in the republic. With food stocks in Sarajevo, the capital, down to just a few days' supply and winter approaching, aid flights to Sarajevo airport were suspended yesterday after an aircraft was hit during fighting.

Delors hint

Paris: Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, hinted that on January 6 he will announce his candidacy as the champion of the Left in the presidential election.

Gang caught

Bucharest: Romanian police arrested a gang of smugglers, including a former Russian soldier and two Jordanians, planning to sell 1.54lb of enriched uranium 235 and 238 in western Europe. *(AP)*

Drugs clash

Paris: Raymond Kendall, the secretary-general of Interpol, appealed for decriminalising drug abuse in a clash with Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, who backs jailing addicts. *(Reuter)*

Banker held

Rome: Police in Florence arrested Julian Askin, a British citizen wanted in South Africa on fraud charges. Mr Askin, a Cape Town banker, was being held pending an extradition hearing. *(Reuter)*

Hellish name

Stockholm: A court allowed a Swede the right to prefix his name with the Hebrew Belial Christos Jeshu — the Devil Christ Jesus. It said Swedes would not be offended since the name was alien. *(AFP)*

Kohl dominance keeps new generation waiting in wings

GERMAN ELECTION

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl will coast to victory in the general election if yesterday's opinion polls are to be believed, yet in many ways Germany has already entered the post-Kohl era.

Even if the Chancellor, 64, wins with a thumping majority — the Allensbach Institute predicts a 7 per cent lead — he will have to address the question of succession. The challenge from Rudolf Scharping, the leader of the Social Democratic Party, has highlighted a real problem in the German political class. Herr Scharping, 46, is part of a generation that came to political maturity in the student upheavals of 1968. He is surrounded by former 1968 firebrands: Gerhard Schröder, the Prime Minister of Lower Saxony; Oskar Lafontaine, the Prime Minister of the Saar region; Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, deputy chairwoman of the Social Democrats. All share memories and cut their teeth in the political nursery of the Young Socialist (Juso) movement.

Herr Kohl, by contrast, has leapfrogged the 1968 group within his own party. Only Matthias Wissmann — the Transport Minister and a former leader of the conservative Young Union student association — comes close, but his reading was always more Milton Friedman than Herman Hesse. During his 12 years in power, Herr Kohl has ruthlessly squashed or sidelined his rivals and contemporaries such as Kurt Biedenkopf, the Prime Minister of Saxony, will soon be too old to take over in Bonn. Even Wolfgang Schäuble, 52, the closest the Christian Democrats have come to a crown prince, will look a little tarnished by the end of the Chancellor's next period in power in 1998.

Not that Herr Kohl is entirely insensitive to the CDU's young generation. "His knack," says Cornelia Yzer, 33, "is to cut through normal party hierarchies and promote the young." Frau Yzer, state secretary in the Ministry of Women, was a beneficiary of Herr Kohl's personal patronage.

Yet the neglect of the 1968 generation, the gap between Herr Kohl's contemporaries and the politically inexperienced thirty-somethings, has created a personnel problem that may soon translate into something far more fundamental. Herr Kohl has shaped the CDU into a Chancellor-party: he wins elections, he determines direction, he steers party congresses, he runs the economy and foreign policy. What will be left of the party when he goes? What will it stand for?



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Peking breaks a taboo to signal Deng is near death

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINESE officials have signalled that Deng Xiaoping is nearing death.

In a country where it is taboo to even suggest that there might be a leadership change in the offing, the *People's Daily*, the Chinese Communist Party newspaper, yesterday emphasised that Dengist policies must remain unchanged in the event of his death.

"We must make democratic centralism even more perfect," the paper said, referring to the supremacy of the party, "together with major policies, so that nothing will change if the leadership changes and that leaders' views and concentration do not change."

The newspaper's emphasis on party control comes shortly after a party plenum that virtually ignored all China's main problems, ranging from soaring inflation to the plight of the more than one hundred million unemployed roaming the country. Instead, the plenum insisted on the supremacy of the party and endorsed the status of Mr Deng's handpicked successor, President Jiang, who is also general-secretary of the Communist Party.

The *People's Daily* editorial also declared that the entire party must obey the centre or it would fail; it emphasised that this was Mr Deng's view. In a phrase that indicated factionalism, the editorial also opposed both "despotism" and "extreme democracy", and urged the continuation of a market economy.

Mr Deng, 90, has not been seen in public since Chinese New Year in February. When he appeared in Shanghai then he looked so feeble and incoherent that only his daughter could interpret his mutterings. He was unable to stand unsupported.

Now, however, more conservative elders, one of whom is even older than Mr Deng, have resurfaced in public. At the weekend, Peng Zhen, 92, one of the veterans of the Maoist era, toured some Peking highways and was described as wholly alert, in contrast with Mr Deng.

The last time Mr Peng, a former chairman of the National People's Congress, China's nominal parliament, came out of retirement was during the pro-democracy uprising in Peking's Tiananmen Square in 1989. He was one of the elders who then urged a violent crackdown against the demonstrators.

Although there is no direct challenge to Mr Deng, as China's paramount leader fades from sight the economic crisis, violent crime and corruption, and worker unrest have already forced a slowdown in the official policy associated with Mr Deng, that "to get rich is glorious".

This explains why the party newspaper is advocating that while leaders may be mortal, their policies are not.



Deng: his policies will be maintained

Colony defiant over passports

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY

THE Hong Kong government yesterday defied London and said that 3.5 million people here should be granted full British citizenship.

It supported a motion in the Legislative Council, Hong Kong's 60-member parliament, calling for the right of abode in Britain for all those in the colony with British passports. The motion was proposed by the independent council member Emily Lau, who observed: "Britain is probably the only country in the world which does not allow the right of entry to its own nationals".

She was referring to the category of British Dependent Territory citizenship stipulating that those carrying such passports, which closely resemble those of full British subjects, are denied right of abode in Britain. Ms Lau described the refusal by successive British governments and parliaments to grant full rights of abode to this category of British subjects, because it would flood the country with Chinese, as "hysteria worthy of Enoch Powell and pathological fear of non-white immigration". She said that thousands of people from Macao who have full Portuguese citizenship can enter Britain freely. Alistair Asprey, the Secretary of State for Security in Hong Kong, supported Ms Lau's motion on the grounds that it will encourage people to remain in Hong Kong and ensure that business and administration continue to function successfully.

Mr Asprey noted that the Hong Kong government originally took this position "in the latter half of 1989". That was immediately after the Tiananmen Square killings of 3-4 June, when senior officials travelled to London to ask Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister, to grant 3.5 million people right of abode.

It is known that Mrs Thatcher originally agreed, but Sir Percy Cradock, her adviser on Chinese affairs, persuaded her to change her mind. This was on the ground that granting right of abode would have angered Peking, which would see it as an act of distrust.

Mr Asprey conceded that although during "recent days" the Hong Kong government has again pressed Whitehall to grant millions of passports "it would be unrealistic to expect a change of policy at this stage".

He said the government would work hard "to ensure that Hong Kong remains a place where Hong Kong people want to remain".

Veteran scientists get Nobel at last

BY NIGEL HAWKES
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TWO Americans and a Canadian were yesterday named winners of the Nobel prizes for physics and chemistry.

The physics prize was shared by Bertram Brockhouse of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and Clifford Shull, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for their work in the 1940s and 1950s developing neutron-scattering to analyse chemical structure.

The chemistry prize went to a Hungarian-born American, George Olah, of the University of Southern California, for his work on positively charged hydrocarbons, known as carbocations. Each prize is worth $933,000 (£622,000).

The Royal Swedish Academy said that the work of Dr Brockhouse and Dr Shull had paved the way for today's large laboratories, such as Institut Laue-Langevin in Grenoble, where neutron beams are directed at targets and the energy of the scattered beams measured. This has proved valuable in determining molecular structure.

The prize has been a long time coming to two men acknowledged as pioneers of the technique. Dr Brockhouse is 76 and Dr Shull 79. "I'm astonished and surprised," Dr Brockhouse said yesterday from his home in Canada. "How on earth could they pick me?"

Asked why it took so long to honour Dr Shull and Dr Brockhouse, Professor Karl Erik Larsson told a press conference at the Royal Swedish Academy: "It is hard to distinguish the tree that grows higher than the other trees."

Dr George Olah, a mere stripling at 67, was born in Budapest and works at the Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

In the 1960s he proved that certain types of hydrocarbon molecules — called carbocation intermediates — thought to have only a transitory existence, could be stable and long-lived.

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A gunman with the armed wing of Hamas holding his AK47 rifle in the Gaza Strip

Israelis pressure Arafat to rescue hostage soldier

FROM BEN LYNFIELD
IN JERUSALEM

A CRISIS between Israel and the PLO over the abduction of an Israeli soldier by Muslim militants escalated yesterday, as Yassir Arafat came under mounting pressure from the Jewish state to find a way to rescue the soldier and was urged to crack down on Hamas, the hardline Islamic Resistance Movement.

A televised videotape of the terrified hostage, Corporal Nachshon Waxman, 20, asking that the demands of his Hamas kidnappers be met as he was cajoled by a masked gunman, heightened anxieties about a grisly end to the abduction. His kidnapping has sparked the most serious crisis between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation since self-rule was launched in the Gaza Strip and Jericho last May.

"I am Nachshon Waxman," the soldier said. "The members of Hamas kidnapped me and want their prisoners to be released. If not, they will kill me. I ask you to do what you can so that I can get out of here alive. If my parents are looking at me, I am at the moment okay and now I intend to return to you, if Rabin [Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister] decides to free their prisoners," he said. The videotape lasted only a few seconds and cut the soldier off in mid-sentence. It was not clear when it was made.



Waxman: televised plea for demands to be met

In a week expected to be capped by an announcement tomorrow of Nobel prizes for Mr Rabin and Mr Arafat, Hamas has shown its power to overshadow the delicate conciliation undertaken by the two leaders since they shook hands on the White House lawn last year. On Sunday, Hamas gunmen killed two people and wounded 13 in an attack on a Jerusalem pedestrian mall. That incident and the latest abduction have exposed Mr Rabin to the accusation that the peace moves have failed to curb terrorism.

Hamas is demanding that Shaikh Ahmed Yassin, its jailed leader, and 200 other Palestinians should be released tomorrow.

Israeli leaders, emerging from an emergency Cabinet meeting, said they were sure the soldier is in the Gaza Strip and that Mr Arafat is therefore responsible for his safe return.

WORLD SUMMARY

Foreigner killed in Algeria violence

Tunis: Another wave of violence gripped Algeria yesterday as gunmen shot dead a South Korean businessman and a local politician and four car bombs exploded in the capital.

One bomber was killed when the device he planted in the Kouba district of Algiers went off prematurely. Security forces shot dead his two accomplices. The other bombs, which exploded almost simultaneously, caused panic and two people were slightly hurt.

Kang Dae-Hyun, 56, was shot as he bought newspapers near his home in Bordj el-Bahri, 17 miles east of Algiers. His killing brought to 64 the number of foreigners murdered in Algeria since last September. An Algerian moderate politician was also shot dead at his home in an Algiers suburb. *(Reuter)*

Cape pact suspended

Johannesburg: The first cracks in South Africa's fledgeling government of national unity came yesterday when the African National Congress suspended its participation in the coalition Cabinet of the Western Cape in protest against alleged unilateral decision-making by the ruling National Party (Inigo Gilmore writes).

Allan Boesak, the regional ANC leader, alleged that Hernus Kriel, the National Party regional premier, had held no consultations about the post-apartheid restructuring of the local civil service. He charged that white incumbents were being largely left in senior civil service posts.

Fire destroys Delhi market

Delhi: Fire destroyed hundreds of shops in a cramped marketplace in the old city of Delhi early yesterday and blazed for more than five hours before firemen brought it under control, authorities said.

At least four firemen were injured as the blaze tore through about 350 small shops. The fire broke out in a plastic wares shop in the Sadar Bazar market and quickly spread. *(Reuter)*

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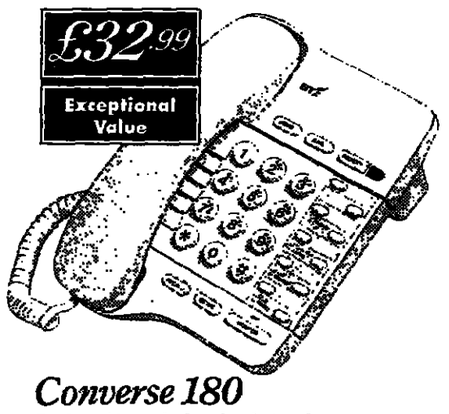


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The health of Baroness Thatcher . . . importance of caring for feet . . . when pets are at risk from tobacco smoke

A weight on Tory minds



BARONESS Thatcher is a favourite daughter of the Conservative Party and, like any anxious parents, its members were alarmed to see how thin and stooped she had become since she was with them a year ago. The media have not been slow to notice the change, and on the opening day of the conference, television news bulletins showed pictures of her at Bournemouth, then contrasted them with old footage when she looked more robust and plump.

Weight loss can be caused by underlying disease. If the loss is involuntary or unexplained, extensive tests are needed to exclude serious causes that might be, for instance, hormonal, infective, inflammatory or even malignant. However, sudden weight loss is usually the result of the patient having deliberately slimmed — for cosmetic reasons or because their doctors have suggested it to reduce the blood pressure — and thereby perhaps take the load off their heart, to spare their joints, to minimise the chances of developing many of the troubles which beset the obese.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Although hidden diseases are the most feared cause of unexplained weight loss, depression and a subsequent lack of enthusiasm either for eating or in many cases even drinking are more common. Patients who are worried or depressed lose weight. It has been said, even though the generalisation is not always accurate, that clinical depression is not of great significance if the patient has not lost at least half a stone.

Many of Lady Thatcher's friends thought she was depressed after she left Downing Street. The comparative idleness, loss of status, the blow to her self-esteem and her sense of being betrayed by erstwhile friends and colleagues had taken their toll. Retirement, even when expected and planned for, can be traumatic and induce a depressive mood. When it is involuntary and unexpected, the effect can be catastrophic. It is possible that Lady Thatcher's anxieties about her son have once again triggered a depressive response in a surprisingly vulnerable personality.

If Lady Thatcher's weight loss is, as has been claimed, the result of dental surgery, and thereafter subsistence on a mainly liquid diet of soups while her mouth recovered, the loss would probably not have been as great as it has been, unless her boredom with soup was compounded by a general lack of interest in food. Nor would a soup diet account for the stoop because the stooping, drooped shoulders of depressed patients are a sign for which all GPs watch.

Deliberate weight loss always has, in the first instance, an ageing effect, but as time goes by, the patient's skin tightens and adapts to the loss of subcutaneous fat. After a few months, the patient loses the shrunken look and once again appears healthy.

Ideally, any slimming diet should help a patient to lose about two pounds a week. In this way, the body adjusts slowly, the diet is easy to maintain, and the patient is thereby spared the over-solicitous inquiries of their neighbours, or if a public figure, the conjecture of the press.

Toeing a line



MARK ANTONY is reputed to have fallen for Cleopatra because of the charm of her feet rather than the beauty of her face. Freud too had plenty to say about feet. They are unusual in admitting to this interest. Except in the army, where troop sergeants were obsessed with foot care, and in imperial China, where foot fetishism was a mark of good breeding, feet have remain ignored until they hurt.

David Mellor and John Bryan have served medicine well in popularising feet. A survey carried out in 1991 before the publicity their toe-sucking activities engendered showed that 30 per cent of men and 17 per cent of women acknowledged that they found their partners' feet sexy; recent research now estimates that these figures have risen to 50 per cent of men and 31 per cent of women. Some of the women claimed that if their men's feet were better looked after and washed more often, they too might think differently.

The survey showed that although the average person takes 18,000 steps a day, and walks 70,000 miles a lifetime, only a third pays any attention to foot care. If the new climate of opinion succeeds in persuading people to wear well-fitting shoes (70 per cent of foot troubles are caused by fashionable, but tight shoes), and encourages them to use arch supports when the arches have given way, the efforts of the Duchess of York's financial adviser will not have been in vain.

Animal harm



THE HAZARDS of passive smoking may occasionally be exaggerated by pressure groups, but few doctors will deny that it has a malign influence on the incidence of respiratory diseases, including sudden cot deaths and asthma, in young children.

Dr David Cummins, a consultant at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, has recently written to the *BMJ* suggesting that pets as well as children may be at hazard from tobacco smoke. Dr Cummins describes a case of a woman who smoked 40 cigarettes a day: an addiction which may have cost the lives of her two dogs, which died from lung cancer, and the health of her cat, which suffered from a chronic wheeze.

Eventually, the woman developed cancer of the lung herself, and she stopped smoking: once she had given up the cigarettes, the cat's wheeze disappeared.

A report in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* two years ago showed that the danger to dogs was to some extent proportional to the length of their noses: better to be a greyhound than a pug, bulldog, or pekinese if your role is to be the pet of, and live in close proximity to a heavy smoker.

A patient of mine had to send his dog to live with his mother, who was a heavy smoker. The dog died of cancer of the nose, another of the tumours known to be related to cigarette smoking.

Is hormone replacement therapy really necessary?

The menopause cannot be "cured", but its effects can be treated. **James Drife** assesses the benefits and risks

Women born during the postwar baby boom are now approaching the menopause. As teenagers in the Sixties they were the first generation to take the Pill. Now persuasive voices are urging them to show equal enthusiasm for hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Thirty years on, however, they want unbiased facts before deciding about yet more long-term medication.

The menopause occurs when the ovaries run out of oocytes (eggs). At birth the ovaries contain half a million oocytes, most of which are subsequently lost through ageing. Only a small number are used up by monthly ovulation, so, even if ovulation has been suppressed by the Pill, the average age of the menopause is still 51.

Oestrogen is the main female sex hormone, and as the last oocytes die its production almost ceases. We have no way of switching it back on, nor can we transplant hormone-secreting tissue. For the time being, then, the menopause cannot be cured but its effects can be treated by tablets, implants or skin patches. These contain oestrogens chemically similar (but not identical) to the natural hormone.

Withdrawal of natural oestrogen has short and long-term effects. Hot flushes, which may begin before the menopause, affect up to 85 per cent of women. In the past only a minority sought treatment, though in 25 per cent of women flushes last more than five years. Oestrogen treatment usually stops them and their nocturnal equivalent, night sweats. It does not delay their eventual resolution.

Around the age of 50 both sexes are liable to depression, but in women this can be improved by oestrogen treatment. There is some debate about whether this is a direct effect on the brain or an indirect effect due to improved sleep without night sweats.

The vaginal walls and part of the bladder are oestrogen-dependent and slowly become thinner after the menopause. Vaginal irritation, pain on intercourse and urinary symptoms become steadily more common after 50. They too respond to oestrogen, sometimes given as short courses of cream applied to the vagina.

Oestrogen also affects bone. In both sexes ageing makes bones more fragile but in women oestrogen withdrawal accelerates the process. About 2 per cent of bone mass is lost per year for the first four years after the menopause: thereafter the rate is 1 one per cent per year. Osteoporosis (loss of bony tissue) affects some parts of the skeleton more than others. White women are more affected than black women, and thin women more than fat ones.

Vertebral compression fractures (picturesquely called "dowager's hump") affect 25 per cent of white women over 60. About 40 per cent of white women will have a fracture of the vertebra, wrist or hip by the age of 65: 20 per cent will have had a hip fracture if they reach the age of 90. Osteoporosis can be countered by regular exercise or increased calcium intake but oestrogen is the most effective treatment. It acts mainly by slowing bone loss, but when it is stopped bone loss resumes, and whether or not it is taken, ageing changes still occur.

A woman who takes oestrogen for ten years after the menopause will halve her risk of fracture up to the age of 75. To maintain this protection after 75 (when the risk of fracture is highest) she will have to continue oestrogen for life.

Ovarian activity also protects against heart disease. Before the menopause women have a much lower risk of heart attack than men, but the difference between the sexes steadily narrows after 50. After long controversy, research now shows that oestrogen treatment halves the risk of heart attack — but only for as long as the woman continues to take it. After she stops, her risk quickly returns to normal for her age.

The news about oestrogen would be uniformly good were it not for concerns about cancer. Prolonged oestrogen treatment stimulates the lining of the uterus (womb) and increases the risk of uterine cancer. This is not a worry for women who have had a hysterectomy (20 per cent of British women over 51). For the others, prolonged oestrogen therapy must be combined with another sex hormone, progestogen (similar to the natural ovarian hormone progesterone). Progestogen negates the effect of oestrogen on uterine cancer, and indeed "combined HRT" actually lowers the risk compared with women taking no treatment.



MATISSE

Women are liable to depression at about 50, but this can be improved by oestrogen treatment

Although combined HRT is necessary to reduce cancer risk, there is doubt over whether it gives as much protection against heart attacks as oestrogen-only treatment. Progestogen in the Pill has been implicated in causing heart disease. The Medical Research Council is now considering a large study of HRT and heart disease. The research would be prolonged and expensive but could give definitive answers to what are arguably the most important questions about women's health after the menopause.

The other worry is breast cancer. There is a link between ovarian activity and breast cancer risk. Women who have an early menopause (for example, if their ovaries are removed) have a reduced risk of breast cancer, and if the menopause is delayed there is a small increase in risk. This raised concerns that HRT might cause breast cancer. After much research, it appears that oestrogen treatment for up to five years is quite safe but treatment for more than ten years carries a small risk — about 30 per cent above the normal risk.

Most of the research on HRT and breast cancer has involved oestrogen-only treatment, usually in the form of "equine oestrogens" (purified from the urine of pregnant mares). There is less information about other forms of oestrogen or about combined HRT, but what information we have indicates that their effects are broadly similar to equine oestrogens.

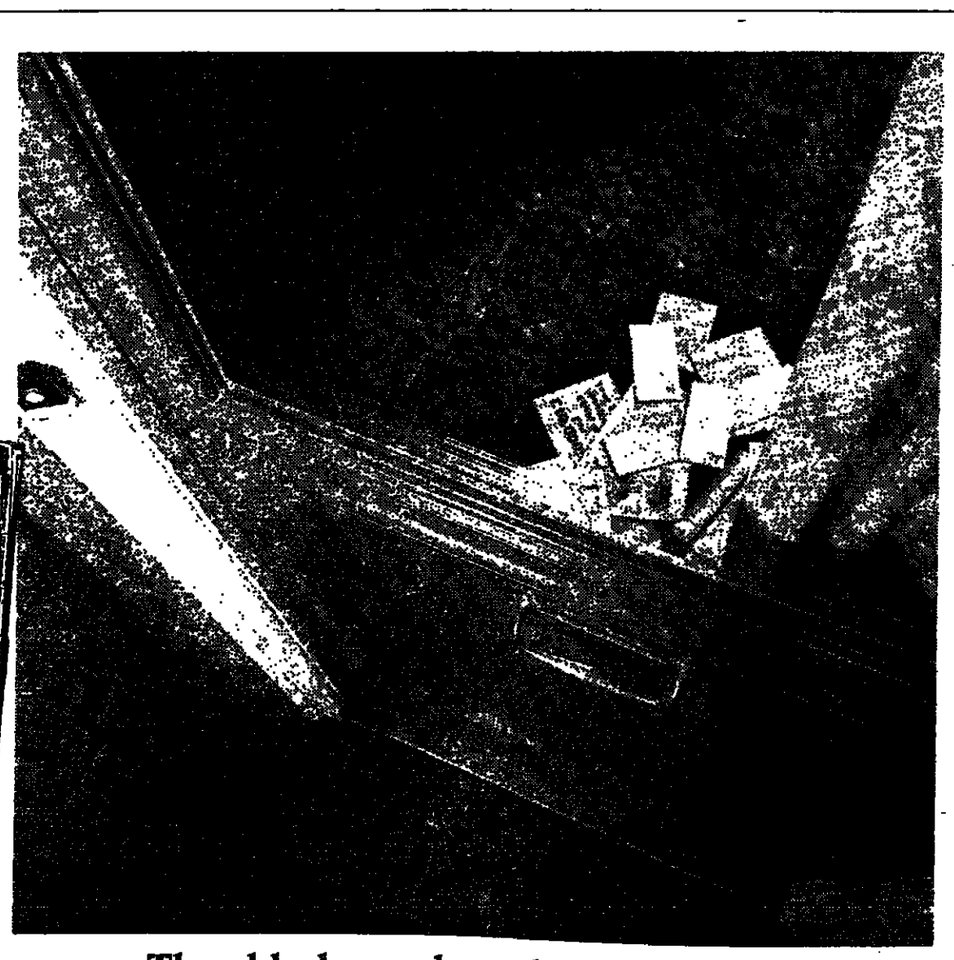
From the point of view of the public health, many more women die from heart attacks than from breast cancer, so if combined HRT does protect against heart attacks it should be encouraged. From a health economist's point of view prolonged HRT is a good thing because of its effect on osteoporosis. Hip fractures cost the NHS £180 million a year and their after-effects cost the social services even more.

For an individual woman, however, the decision may be more difficult. Breast cancer, though much less common, is a more emotive disease than osteoporosis or heart attack. Moreover, a woman who still has her uterus faces the nuisance of regular vaginal bleeding with combined HRT. Some women are put off by the mere idea of taking medicine for years on end. Many women still do not understand the benefits and risks of HRT.

A few women are given clear advice by their doctors. If the ovaries are removed before the menopause a woman should take HRT until she is 51 to avoid increased risk of osteoporosis. Hysterectomy without removal of the ovaries may cause ovarian failure before 51, and blood tests from time to time after hysterectomy will show whether HRT is necessary.

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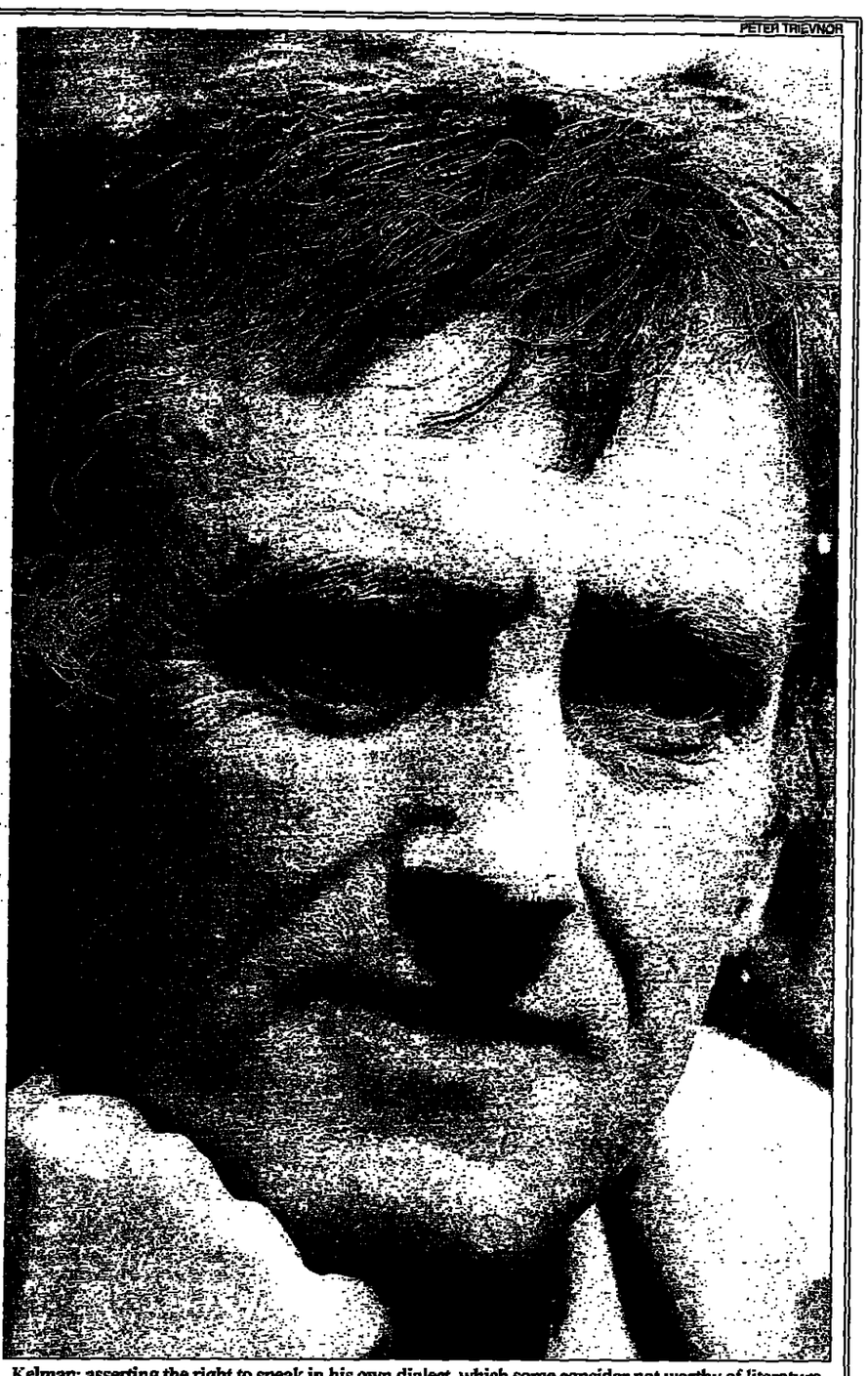
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'The prize will be useful. I'm skint'

James Kelman, slightly dazed, talks to **Julia Llewellyn Smith** about the Booker — and being read outside Scotland


PETER TRIEVNOR

Kelman: asserting the right to speak in his own dialect, which some consider not worthy of literature

It is the sunny morning after the night before and James Kelman's telephone doesn't stop ringing. He is £20,000 richer, his picture is in every paper and literary London is at loggerheads, debating whether this wee man, with a face like a corpse and eyes like fire, is a foul-mouthed fraud or a Glaswegian genius.

Kelman has woken up to a chorus of outrage. The previous evening his fifth novel *How Late it Was, How Late* won the Booker Prize, but the tributes and glory, the comparisons with Kafka and Zola, have been buried in carping and quibbling: the news that Rabbi Julia Neuberger, one of the judges, considered the choice "a disgrace" and the book "completely inaccessible".

Sitting in the lobby of his hotel lobby in Bloomsbury, Kelman is unsurprised by the dissent. "I'm very glad it wasn't a unanimous decision," he says in his soft, Scots monotone. "Very pleased indeed, ye know. If it had been, I would have to examine what I was doing."

What Kelman, 48, has been doing for the past 22 years, is to try to find a new fictional voice: the voice of the Scottish working man unversed in the English literary tradition. *How Late it Was* is the story of a week in the life of an ex-convict from Glasgow, who gets in a scuffle with the "sojers" (the police) and wakes up blind.

The story is told as Sammy would tell it: in Glaswegian dialect and in his limited vocabulary, which relies extensively on the f-word, with an average of 20 per page. Punctuation is sparse; quotation marks and chapter headings non-existent. All very confusing for the likes of Rabbi Julia, all very mundane for Kelman, who does not feel that he is doing anything unusual.

"There's a lot of writers writing in this tradition," he says, toking on his umpteenth Senior Service. "Haven't they ever heard of Beckett?" Or Pinter, or Joyce, you could add, or even Roddy Doyle, last year's winner, whose characters also speak in expletive-studded dialect, but get away with it because they are jolly and Irish, rather than dour and Caledonian.

The tradition is one of subversion: of questioning the patterns of speech imposed by the powers-that-be. After winning the prize, Kelman gave a reasoned, powerful speech about his right to speak in his own dialect. "The bottom line is that certain linguistic forms are not worthy of literature," he says. "It's not just true of Scotland, it's equally true of Somerset or Wales. As soon as you enter school you are informed that your culture and your language is inferior."

Winning the Booker will give Kelman an audience he could only have dreamt of. So he must be pleased. "It would be nonsense to say I was displeased," he says, in his typically evasive way. "To some extent it does have to change the way I'm perceived, outside Scotland at least."

> Friends know him as one who likes a flutter and a pint [redacted]

He must feel some satisfaction at infiltrating the English establishment he is said to loathe. "I don't loathe it," he says mildly. "People just make inferences about how I feel about all sorts of things. I'm certainly not xenophobic and I don't hate London."

More fair is that other Kelman tag: this man despises the literary establishment that has now chosen to honour him. "I don't know why," he says disingenuously. Oh come on, Jim, the last time you were shortlisted for the Booker (in 1989 for *A Disaffection*) you missed the ceremony. "I had a previous engagement, teaching an evening class." In the circumstances your class would have understood if you'd cancelled. He smiles. "OK then, I don't wannae sound intentionally naive."

He won't say why he softened, but this year Kelman was there at Guildhall, eschewing a DJ for a double-breasted suit (a miracle in itself his friends assure me), but there, nonetheless, hollow-eyed rigid, chainsmoking his way through the dinner and being herded meekly through the baying press pack.

"It was quite a night," he says. "All those different colours of wine, they kept pouring ye."

If Kelman seemed slightly dazed, the media were uncommonly wary, uncertain if this winner would play their backslapping game. Mark Lawson, interviewing him on *The Late Show*, looked as if he had wandered by accident into a Gorbals council estate, as he asked the fluffy question about how he would spend his prize money. "Oh God, what did I say?" says Kelman. Something bland about how none of his friends had any money. "Well it will be useful," he says. "I'm totally skint. I'm in debt."

Kelman left school at 15 and throughout his working life he has relied on odd jobs on building sites and in factories, as a bus conductor and an asbestos worker. He has been supported by his wife Marie, a social worker. Only in the past three years has he received enough in advances to write full time.

He is back in Glasgow now, where he lives in an east-end tenement, rehearsing his latest play. "There has been a lot of gambles," he says. "In fact, there may have been false odds in Glasgow, so many people were putting their money down on me." Kelman, himself, is a keen gambler. "But I wouldn't have bet on myself, I would have bet on the others to improve my odds."

This is the Kelman his friends speak fondly of, a man who loves a flutter, a pint and a game of pool. It is the side that rescues his books from didactic gloom and gives them a sheen of wry, tender humour. One profile of Kelman described him as either a committed artist or a humourless pedant. So which one is he? He replies instantly, in his intense, earnest way. "In our country if you just admit to being an artist, *ipso facto* you are seen as being arrogant and precious and self-righteous. Anyone who aspires to being committed is seen as a humourless pedant. Ye know, the person who disturbs the party by talking about what you'd rather not hear, the person who steps over a person in the street to reach the Booker ceremony and then talks about it when they get there."

Playing games with real money

The Nobel Prize for Economics has gone to three men who hold some serious aces

THE NOBEL Prize in economics this year is to be shared by John Harsanyi, John Nash and Reinhard Selten. Their subject is the theory of games. They will therefore be able to give good advice on how to play poker or backgammon. But why should their expertise in such matters be of sufficient importance to economics for them to be rewarded with a Nobel prize?

Poker and backgammon are games because their outcomes depend not only on your actions but also on the actions of the other players. You therefore need to think *strategically* by making your choice of action dependent on your predictions of the choices that the other players will make. Nearly all situations in which humans interact are therefore games. If you drive a car in a busy street, you are playing a game with the other drivers. A firm and a union are playing a game when they negotiate a wage contract. Kruschev and Kennedy were playing a game during the Cuban missile crisis.


John Harsanyi: reward for formidable intellect

Game theory makes a virtue out of using the language of parlour games such as chess or bridge so that attention can be focused on the *logic* of strategic interaction. We have all sometimes felt the urge to shoot a bridge partner, but people are mostly able to think about the strategic issues that arise in parlour games dispassionately.

In economics, game theory is particularly important because the very large sums of money that may be riding on the decisions concentrate the mind wonderfully. Suppose, for example, that Ford has to decide how many cars to produce next year. If too many cars are made in the industry as a whole, then the price of a car will tumble. So Ford needs to ask itself how many cars General Motors or Honda are likely to produce. But General Motors is simultaneously facing the same problem. Before deciding how many cars to produce, it needs to predict what Ford's output is likely to be.

Human beings are not naturally very good at thinking about such problems of strategic interaction. We become distressed when confronted with circular reasoning. But circularities cannot be evaded in analysing games. Each player's plan of action necessarily depends on his estimate of the plans of his competitors. Building on the seminal work of Von Neumann and Morgenstern, *Game Theory and Economic Behaviour* of 1944, John Nash cut the Gordian knot by explaining that what needs to be calculated in such situations is the Nash equilibrium of the game. At such an equilibrium, each player's strategy choice is optimal given the strategy choices of the other players. However, the difficulties that arise in implementing this simple idea are often formidable, especially when questions of timing or incomplete information are concerned. It is largely for their contributions on the latter issues that Reinhard Selten and John Harsanyi are associated with John Nash in the Nobel award.

Before the advent of game theory, economists had no idea at all how to handle problems in which the knowledge that economic agents have about the world is imperfect, but nowadays these difficult ideas are routinely taught in business schools. The analysis of auctioning games is particularly well developed.

Consider the sale by the United States government of oil tracts in Alaska. What type of auction would have maximised the anticipated revenue to the government in the sale? When British Petroleum participated in the auction, they sent in geologists to acquire what information they could about the potential value of the tracts. They also knew who their potential rivals were likely to be, and could make guesses about their geological reports. Given all this information, how much should British Petroleum have bid for a particular tract? What auction rules should the US government have used? Game theorists have learnt how to solve these difficult problems, and have turned microeconomic theory upside down.

The decision to honour this formidable intellectual achievement is the Nobel committee's best for years. Will it result in better macroeconomic predictions and an improvement in our day-to-day life? Alas, my guess is that a long time will pass before the committee has the opportunity to honour an achievement of similar magnitude in macroeconomic theory.

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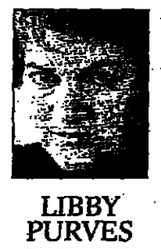
By the miracle of technology you can excise your ex not merely from your life but from your photos, too

It had to come. In an age when the recorded image is everything, a new service is offered. There is now a company in Canada which will take your family photographs and remove your former spouse from them. Moreover, they will insert your new partner in the happy scene instead, gazing adoringly at a younger you he never knew, or romping with a toddler that was 14 before he met it.

For a few bob extra they will do something really useful and touch up the rest of the photograph: slim down Auntie Lib, tidy uncle's whiskers, and eliminate unsightly warts and double chins. But the really fascinating idea is the removal of unwelcome bits of your history. It started as a joke, says the company, but the customers are in deadly earnest.

Who can say, hand on heart, that it wouldn't catch on here? I bet it will. Even Van Gogh, they lately discovered, used to paint over the faces of women who rejected him, and a cursory glance at any marina will show boats whose name — say, *Fair Rosalind* — has been fiercely scrubbed out and replaced by *Bonny Joanna*. The urge to tidy up our histories is all too strong.

For photographic records, the technology is in place: we have seen how easy the movie industry now finds it to put actors in the picture with dinosaurs, cartoon rabbits or John F. Kennedy. You could probably have a Forrest Gump job done on your wedding video, your ex being cut and replaced with an artfully animated school photograph of your new young wife in a computer-generated Emanuel frock. And, while they were at it, they could remove no-hope Uncle Peter and fill the space with a classier guest, like, say, Salman Rushdie.


LIBBY PURVES

Unspeakable, yet there would always be takers. In the film of Ira Levin's *The Stepford Wives*, when the heroine finds out that the Men's Association has a secret lab in which it turns real women into perfect robot slave wives, she asks the ringleader: "But why? Why?" He replies, "Because we can." The late Jill Tweedie wrote at the time, with stern feminist outrage, that this was true because most men would robotise their wives like a shot.

That was a bit extreme, but certainly some would. And some couples would use new technology to rewrite their private pictorial history with Stalinist thoroughness. They would not feel the injustice to children and the violence to truth, but only the blessed relief of having visual support for their favourite lie: that the first marriage didn't really count.

We all giggle when celebrities are caught out forgetting spouses or unglamorous jobs in *Who's Who*, and love to tease public figures who reinvent themselves. But actually it is harder for celebrities, and they probably do it less. If the Speaker of the House of Commons used to be a Tiller girl, she is stuck with it. Correcting what Mary Archer charmingly calls Jeffrey's "gift for inaccurate precis" is a traditional and hallowed Fleet Street sport. The tally of Elizabeth Taylor's marriages is in the public domain. No amount of statesmanlike conduct on his part will stop mischievous toads like me quoting from Douglas Hurd's early thrillers.

But away from the limelight, whole histories are rewritten. We all know couples who never allude to previous marriages or family origins: I once wrote about the phenomenon of disappearing first wives, and households in which even old friends dare not say: "Do you remember when you and Jenny . . ?" for fear of a basilisk glare from Jenny's successor. I had scores of letters, not only from the vanished ones but from puzzled second spouses who were frustrated by their new partner's ostrich-like refusal to speak about 20 years of past life.

Some vanished ex-husbands wrote too, pointing out that women, when they have a mind, are even better at the Ministry of Truth stuff. One went back to the marital home to collect some letters and found out that not only was the tree he planted lying on the compost heap, but that his initials HJP, carved into the stone fireplace with hers by a mason friend, had been cleverly chiselled into a thistle. After only a week. That wife will be first in the queue for the photo service.

Or would be, except that she had already trimmed and remounted the family photos. "I am not sure," he said, "to this day, whether that was why she always made me stand on her right, nearest the edge and away from the children. Just in case. She was a very tidy-minded woman."



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Janet Daley



■ The trouble with mass action is that the mob can only protest and refuse, never weigh and consider

I wish I could claim that I always knew it would come to this. As a child of the golden age of political demonstrations, I will betray my own past with what I am about to say. But the Hyde Park charade of this week makes the conclusion inescapable: mass demonstrations are profoundly anti-democratic. They serve the purposes not of the oppressed but of aspiring totalitarians. In exceptional circumstances — and extraordinary times — popular feeling can produce a truly spontaneous gathering of people. At such moments, the crowd actually does represent the true spirit of the *demos*. The presence of a real cross-section of society — including those who would not normally be inclined to march in the street — ensures that there will be discipline and integrity even within a mob.

But mass public protest is now organised by professional agitators. However sincere their intentions, they end up producing an environment ideal for exploitation by lunatic-fringe nihilists. It seems that Class War — an organisation which understands nothing of the honourable history of political protest — distributed a leaflet before the Criminal Justice Bill demonstration. This psychopathic little diatribe instructed followers to attack the "scum" who would be protesting peacefully because "you know they won't hit back". Class War also distributed guidance on using missiles effectively enough to engage the police in a battle which they would not be able to avoid.

> Agitators are not spokesmen for democracy

I can remember the confused genesis of all this. Even in that remarkably innocent age of the 1960s, when over-turning society was done on a strictly amateur basis, there were those who advised such deliberate provocation of the police. By inducing the authorities to respond violently to your own anarchic destructiveness, you were proving the inherent oppressiveness of this supposedly "free" society. Scratch a liberal and there's a Fascist underneath, it used to be said. Which was intended to mean that the liberal trappings of property-based capitalism were only cosmetic.

As soon as the interests of "the Establishment" were threatened, it would revert to type and start smashing people's skulls. And the ploy worked, not for the reason that ideology suggested, but because in a democracy the police force is designed to deal with individual criminals and not to enforce political control. Police were deranged by mass civil disobedience, which was not part of their remit, and could only cope by treating the crowd *as if* they were individual criminals. Even after so many years of falling for this trick, the police still have no option but to treat anarchic violence as straightforward criminality. Politicians who claim to be shocked by this — such as the Labour MP Jeremy Corbyn — are either very naïve or very cynical.

The formula was made to work once again last Sunday. You can always get the police to do a plausible imitation of stormtroopers if you behave violently enough. What that proves is not that the Government is secretly Fascist and the police are their martial lackeys, but that the liberal society is a delicate, precious thing which can quite easily be undermined by systematic wreckers.

At Berkeley in 1964, we invented the modern student uprising. For all that I have just said, that experience remains as a sacred chapter in my personal history. This is not — I hope — just nostalgia. It is a memory of the exaltation of being at one with a mass of people all dedicated to a cause larger than themselves. The appeal of losing oneself in a surge of humanity, that feeling of mystical purity which comes from common action, is very strong. There must be some fundamental longing to be joined with other people in a way that is transfiguring — almost spiritual — in its ecstatic comradeliness.

So a generation was formed by a belief in the moral absolution of mass action. But it was a fatal sentimentality to think that a crowd's mood could be translated into a political programme. It is the seductiveness of the experience which leads to the mistake: the chemistry of mass protest is such that it seems to obliterate all problems. Drunk with the euphoria of the barricades, one forgets that each of these individuals will have to return to his incorrigibly private life and live with the practical consequences. The mob and its anonymity will be of no use then.

But the surging crowd cannot be an answer to anything in a constitutional democracy. It is an inarticulate, authoritarian, oppressive thing which may occasionally point but can never reason. It can scream "no" (which it has every right to do) but it can never say "on the other hand". It cannot debate or deal with contradictions. The politics of street protest is based on a deception: it can demand democratic freedom but never embody it. We need a right to public protest but not an infantile romanticising of it. No political culture that prizes civil liberties should idealise the mob, which cannot be accountable even to its own members.



This tarnished prize

Terrorism may occasionally be just, but it should never be lauded

William Rees-Mogg

Yassir Arafat is by no means the first terrorist to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1978, it was awarded to Menachem Begin, an Israeli terrorist, and Anwar Sadat, who had not hesitated to assist terrorist groups as a member of the inner-Nasser team. Last year the prize went to Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, which accepted terror as a political weapon, and F.W. de Klerk, who had been a minister in an apartheid government which fought terror with terror. In 1973, too, the awards to Le Duc Tho and Henry Kissinger could be criticised — and were — on the ground that terrorist methods were used on both sides in the Vietnam War. Some of these men, such as Nelson Mandela, are now revered; others, like de Klerk, Kissinger and Sadat, are widely respected. Begin and Arafat continue to be seen in terrorist terms. The world is obviously very ambivalent about terrorism.

There is, however, a clear doctrine which runs through these awards: terrorism is an acceptable way of achieving political objectives, and terrorists should be treated as the heroes of peacemaking once they have reached a settlement. That is how the Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize juries have actually behaved, though there have been one or two ineffectual resignations. The successful terrorists are not even expected to repent; I do not think any of them has specifically repudiated his past terrorist associations, though I suspect Anwar Sadat privately regretted the ruthlessness of the Nasser regime. Begin continued to justify his terrorist years to the day of his death. Making peace does not in itself show repentance; in each case peace was made because it was thought to serve the interests of the cause.

This doctrine makes the Nobel Peace Prize objectively an encouragement to terrorism. In its propaganda in the United States, Sinn Fein has compared Gerry Adams to Nelson Mandela, and even suggested that he too will eventually be awarded a Nobel Prize for bringing peace to Northern Ireland. It is hard to fault this logic. Like the IRA, the ANC saw itself as the representative of a people oppressed by an alien power: it used terrorist tactics to wear down the ruling power and to discipline its own people. In the end these tactics succeeded, and the ANC made peace, largely on its own terms. Admittedly ANC terrorism could be justified on the grounds that South African blacks had no democratic means of redress for their wrongs.

Gerry Adams argues that the Irish people as a whole, north and south, should decide the future of Ireland and that nationalism would have a majority in an all-Ireland electorate. That may be a specious argument, but many people in America and continental Europe seem to accept it.

The moral issue of terrorism is not as easy as it looks. If one takes the most sympathetic case, which is probably the struggle against apartheid, one can see the moral argument for terrorism. The State has become completely unjust, and uses its power to terrorise a suffering population. There is no possibility of defeating this abuse of power in the ballot box or by open war. The effective choices are to do nothing, accepting a perpetuation of injustice, to demonstrate peacefully in the style of Gandhi, or to make terrorist attacks on the State apparatus and the population which supports it. In some cases, Gandhi-like demonstrations are plainly ineffective; the choice then narrows down to terrorism or submission, and submission implies acceptance of the unjust terrorism of state power.

This means — and the actual Nobel awards do mean — the extension of the doctrine of the just war to cover terrorism. The Second World War was perhaps the classic just war. Hitler was the aggressor in 1939; Nazism, as was later shown by the Holocaust, was a wholly evil power; the prospect of successful resistance was reasonably good, and victory was in the end achieved. Very few people in Britain in 1940 doubted that our national cause was just, and all but a few thought that it was better to fight than surrender. Yet if one takes the South African case, the arguments sound uncomfortably similar. The National Party committed the equivalent of aggression by introducing apartheid; it was an evil and wholly unjust system; the prospect of eventually throwing it off was reasonably good, and it was successfully thrown off. Terrorism played some part — it is difficult to say how much — in weakening the white grip on power. That is the moral case, and it is not only the Nobel Prize jury that behaves as though it were a good one. Certainly in Britain we react as though the justification for terrorism lies in its political objective. When we sympathise with that objective, as we did in South Africa, we treat terrorism as a legitimate political tactic. When we disapprove of the objectives, as in recent German arson attacks on immigrants, we regard terrorism as morally outrageous. And of course we resent attacks on ourselves, whether by the IRA or, in the 1940s, by Zionists. Gerry Adams will never get a good press in London.

Yet most of us simultaneously have a feeling that this is the wrong way to judge the matter. In practice we admire Nelson Mandela and abhor Gerry Adams, but at another level of consciousness we abhor all terrorism. The normal method of terrorists, which is to kill innocent members of the public at random, is so repugnant that when we ask ourselves about it we reject it.

Would you kill a child in order to achieve what you regard as your most cherished political aim? Most of us say no. Yet Nelson Mandela, whom we admire, was the leader of an organisation which did not recoil. When he was still married to her, Winnie Mandela openly supported the most cruel terrorism; he himself was no doubt a moderating influence, but he did accept the terrorist logic of the ANC.

The experience of war adds to the difficulty of this moral issue. The Second World War was a just war. Yet the work of Bomber Command was by its nature indiscriminate. If you bomb cities by night, you cannot tell whom you are going to kill. Not only Dresden, but Hamburg, Berlin and the others were examples of terror bombing, which the Germans had started with their attacks on London, Coventry, Bristol and the other British cities. The bombing of the German cities was followed by the first use of nuclear weapons against Japan. A just war can lead to unjust acts, and inevitably does so.

Yet I find myself unwilling to accept terrorism at any time or in any circumstances. I recognise that there may be certain rare circumstances in which the power that is being attacked is so evil that a common right of resistance to it cannot be denied. I recognise also that in such circumstances terrorism may seem to be the only way to hit back. But even in these cases, which might well be held to include apartheid, I doubt whether terrorism is usually an effective form of persuasion. It increases bitterness and may merely make the oppressive regime more powerful.

Certainly I find these Nobel Peace Prize awards extremely offensive. Once people come to accept such methods as normal, they are bound to spread. If Begin and Mandela, then why not Gerry Adams? Every terrorist organisation is bound to think its own cause justified, and will blow up even more innocent people in order to bring near the day of triumph, when its leaders will automatically receive the Nobel accolade of international respectability.

The Nobel Peace Prize ought to be concerned not only with the achievement of peace, but with the methods employed in the dispute that has been settled. Arafat has been prepared to co-operate with half the terrorists in the Middle East. Giving Arafat a peace prize is therefore a mockery. Sometimes, as in the war against Nazism or against apartheid, a just cause will involve morally indefensible means. We have to face that, and we should not be too censorious about those who have to take such decisions. But we should not give them prizes, and indeed they should refuse them, as Le Duc Tho did. They have done their duty as they saw it; sometimes we might have seen it in the same way, more often not. These masters of *Realpolitik* have their achievements, but they should not be given garlands, which are bound to be associated with their methods as well as their causes. Nelson Mandela was fighting on the right side in South Africa; Bomber Harris was fighting on the right side in the Second World War. That is enough. Nobody has ever suggested the Nobel Peace Prize for Bomber Harris.

Tories, but not unionists

Matthew d'Ancona on the betrayal of Ulster

Ten years after the IRA Brighton bomb, the Conservatives are meeting in very different circumstances. In 1984, the party was basking in the warmth of Margaret Thatcher's second election victory, and Gerry Adams was the reviled spokesman of a terrorist movement rather than the self-styled man of peace and letters we have come to know. Now, the Tories are courting electoral disaster and the politics of Ireland have been transformed. The IRA has declared a ceasefire and Mr Adams believes he will be talking to the Government by the end of the year. Some dare to whisper that a permanent peace is imminent, that John Major has untied the Gordian knot of the Troubles. He must be tempted to think that the problems of the province, which nearly killed his predecessor, may help to save him.

That would be a grievous error. For Mr Major's policy in Ulster is profoundly mistrusted by many of his own party activists — which is making the whips very nervous this week. On the conference floor, most of this discontent will be stage-managed out of sight when Ireland is debated today. Because so few backbenchers have dared to question the Downing Street declaration, there will be no obvious focus for sceptical consideration of the "peace process".

This is why an independent study group on Northern Ireland, of which I am a member, chose the week of the conference to publish a report setting out an alternative approach. One of the inspirations of the group, which has been meeting under the auspices of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies, has been the anxieties of ordinary Tories (and many Labour supporters) that the virtues of the current manoeuvrings are not quite as obvious as their leaders suppose.

All that can be said with certainty about the ceasefire is that it will not be enough. Any curtailment of violence must be welcomed, but a mature political culture — the only true basis of peace — cannot possibly spring from the decision of a single terrorist organisation to stop killing people for the time being. The "peace process" — that international cabaret of press conferences and backslapping — is not the same thing as peace.

The report discusses the need for an Ulster administrative assembly and the various security options. It also looks at the many protagonists in this complex crisis. What is extraordinary is that so few have looked analytically beyond the narrow prospects of the ceasefire to this sort of issue.

It is tempting to ascribe the failure of vision to the obstinacy of the Foreign Office and the Northern Ireland Office, or to American pressure. But at heart it is a party political matter.

The outcome of the discussions of the past few months has been an almost complete retreat of Conservative leaders from traditional unionism. Time and again I have heard ministers express amazement that unionists should feel threatened by their antiseptic language concerning the continuance of the United Kingdom. The Conservative Government claims to have "no selfish strategic or economic" interest in the province which it would give up "gladly". Mr Major has described his own support for the Union as a "personal right", so transforming a venerable article of party faith into a matter of private conscience. It may or may not be that the Government secretly wishes to cede the province to the south. What is clear is that the Conservative élite has ceased to *persuade* for the Union.

It is a vital distinction, and a milestone in the history of the party. The British, Churchill declared at the party conference in 1946, are "stirred on almost all occasions by sentiment and instinct, rather than by programmes or worldly calculation". But it is programmes and worldly calculation alone that Mr Major offers to the unionists. His promise of a referendum — sincerely meant to reassure — is in fact so bled of "sentiment and instinct" that it seems to many in the North merely to postpone inevitable betrayal. They rightly sense that the Conservative Party of the Citizen's Charter, open government and contracting out is very different from the Conservative Party of Bonar Law, Randolph Churchill and Enoch Powell.

The significance of this change cannot be exaggerated. In the first place, it illustrates the widening gulf between the metropolitan Tory élite and the party faithful, most of whom would not give up Ulster "gladly". Secondly, the new Tory approach to the Union is symptomatic of a much broader change in the concept of nationhood: from the emotional to the rational, the instinctive to the legalistic. What Powell called "the secret of this charmed life of England" appears to be waning, supplanted by the debased language of referendums, Brussels diktats and diplomatic deals. The whole point of nationhood is partiality and conviction. But the lesson of this extraordinary period in the history of the Union is that the men who run the Conservative Party believe this no longer.

Ulster: After the Ceasefire is available from the IEDSS; price £5.

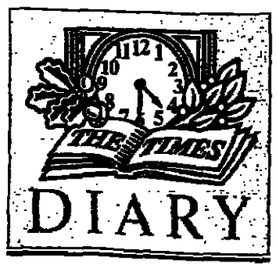
Party parties

JEFFREY ARCHER'S absence from Bournemouth has not dimmed party-going one jot. Tuesday night saw a contest in the Highcliff hotel between PR guru Maurice Saatchi and Archer's fellow peer, Lord "Alexander" Hesketh. I reckon Hesketh won.

Between them they made sure the Tory hierarchy did not suffer from gustatory deprivation without Archer's Krug and shepherd's pie. Saatchi offered a ballroom, fancy food, band and disturbingly dandified waiters in periwigs.

Upstairs, ministers cheerfully squeezed into Hesketh's chintz-cushioned suite in the Highcliff, while the minister-turned-business-tycoon trotted back and forth in his red socks and slippers fetching supplies from the cases of Pol Roger stacked by his bed. Maurice Saatchi gave up in the end and came up for the bash.

Meanwhile most signs of Archer appear to have been eradicated from the conference. In the Tory bookshop, the only example of his works on sale was a lesser-known 30-page volume called *The First Miracle*. "Alexander's worth five Archers," declared a slightly emotional minister.



● *Never one to miss a chance, the fearsome literary agent Ed Victor held a sweepstake at his table at the Booker Prize dinner. Stakes of £1 were taken from fellow diners, among them P.D. James, A.N. Wilson and Beryl Bainbridge. So who won? "I did," Victor crows. "I wanted to have £10 stakes, actually. My wife took the winnings to use for parking meters."*

No room

NORMAN LAMONT's time in the limelight may be severely curtailed. I learn that despite arduous lobbying he will not be picked as the future MP for the new seat of Vale of York. And as Lamont shares tumble, Tory apparatchiks are pooh-poohing the idea of any English selection panel taking the former Chancellor to their bosoms when his Kingston upon Thames seat disappears. "Would you pick a devalued Lamont?" guffaws one.

But "No Regrets" Lamont is aware of the hurdles. Says a colleague: "He did mention he might stand in Ulster — you know, do an Enoch Powell." The only snag is, I gather, that the Unionists may not welcome him either.

● *Michael Heseltine couldn't resist a dig at Gordon Brown's youthful adviser, former Harvard man Ed Balls, who fed his boss the phrase "neo-classical endogenous growth theory". The final proof, quipped Hezza, that Labour's brand new, shining modernists' economic dream is not Brown's — "It's Balls".*

Crewe cut

BRITISH RAIL is counting the cost of derailing a major Channel 4 series. Compensation has been paid to production company Ray Fitzwalter Associates after BR chairman Sir Bob Reid ordered a halt to filming of *Grand Junction*, a six-part fly-on-the-wall documentary about Crewe station. Nevertheless, Channel 4 is baffled. "The series was to be pretty uncontentious. It was stopped before the strike. But we were planning to film throughout the privatisation changeover period."

According to a BR spokesman, the TV people are on the wrong track. "It was felt that filming would be too distracting from the day-to-day operations."

Closed book

IT'S not just Rabbi Julia Neuberger who finds Booker Prize winner James Kelman unreadable. Charles Bowen, the new chief executive of Booker, admitted at Tuesday's prizegiving dinner that it was the "only one on the shortlist I couldn't get through".

Professor Richard Cobb, past professor of history at Oxford and a former Booker judge, memorably rejected Kelman's entry, *The Busconductor*, a decade ago because it was "written entirely in Glaswegian". "I found him very heavy-going and only read two chapters," confesses Cobb. "It was in dialect, like Burns's poems."



In triplicate

DAVID LODGE was a touch overawed by the BBC promotional machine at the advance screening of *Martin Chuzzlewit*, starring Paul Scofield and Sir John Mills, which Lodge adapted. As he sipped warm white wine at BAFTA on Tuesday alongside Marmaduke Hussey and Lady Healey, he revelled in the coverage of the series.

"I bumped into three departments all making programmes about us without knowing about the others. I told them, but that didn't seem to discourage them."

Don't be sniffy

TIRED BUT HAPPY after his triumphant first night in *Moscow Stations* at the Garrick Theatre on Tuesday night, in which he depicts a grubby, drink-sodden Russian down-and-out, a weary Tom Courtenay freely admits he didn't need to go far for his noxious clothing.



Odiferous: Courtenay

"The trousers and the shirt are mine and so are the shoes — although I did have to wear them down a lot beforehand," confesses Courtenay. "But I am pleased to say that the appalling jacket is nothing to do with me — and I'm glad to leave it behind after the performance."

P·H·S

THE ROUBLE FALLS

Without greater honesty, the government deserves to fall too

If the dramatic slump in the value of the rouble finally brings about the departure of Viktor Gerashchenko, the unreliable head of the Russian Central Bank, some good will come of the turbulence shaking Russia's emerging financial and stock markets. The government of Viktor Chernomyrdin is poised to present its long-delayed 1995 budget to the Duma, the Russian parliament. The rouble crisis might do even more good if it strengthens the reformers who argue that the next and most difficult phase of Russian economic restructuring must not be postponed.

But if Boris Yeltsin, who spoke darkly yesterday of "deliberate sabotage" and ordered a former head of the KGB to co-chair an investigation, tries to divert blame from the government with a witch-hunt, Russia's economic woes could soon be compounded by political crisis. Mr Chernomyrdin denies that the flight from the rouble, whose value against the dollar has halved in two months, bears any relation to the state of the economy. If he believes that, he forfeits his reputation for competence abroad. If he does not, but acts as though he did, it will be an act of political cowardice that could jeopardise such progress as Russia has made towards sound money and free markets and betray the trust reposed in him at home.

The conspiracy theories do not stand up — unless they be at the level of the government itself. Small and crude though Russia's financial markets still are, they have reacted as any market would to signs that economic policy was drifting and that the State was returning to the printing presses. Until recently Mr Chernomyrdin's chief boast was his commitment to sound money, coupled with his support for the vast and successful privatisation programme carried out by Anatoli Chubais. Monthly inflation fell from 21 per cent in January to 5 per cent in August.

Budgetary discipline may have been less tight than appeared: faced with chronic nonpayment of taxes and revenues less than half the planned total, the government has made "savings" by simply failing to pay state workers. But with around 70 per cent of the economy, and half the workforce, in the private sector and foreign investment picking up, a substantial number of ordinary Russians now sees the point of reform.

To reach that psychological turning-point was, and is, politically vital. But the government puts this at risk by giving in, once more, to renewed demands for bail-outs by loss-making state enterprises. Inter-enterprise debt, at around $30 billion, is an incubus sucking the courage out of the Kremlin. The best policy is minimal intervention — as is demonstrated in the private sector, where some cash-strapped companies are tapping into the large pool of private Russian savings with debt-equity deals. But official nerves began to fray in late summer. Due to the surge in state credits to agriculture and industry — some of these decreed by Mr Yeltsin himself — growth in the money supply has doubled and inflation is curving sharply upward, to 15 per cent now and perhaps double that by December.

The Duma, encouragingly, appears united in blaming Mr Gerashchenko: even Vladimir Zhirinovsky has sided with such reformers as Yegor Gaidar to demand his head. But Mr Yeltsin also faces a vote of no-confidence on October 21. His best defence is to throw his full authority behind a courageous 1995 budget, firmly committed to budgetary rigour and a rouble stabilisation strategy. That would underpin further reforms to the legal system and the encouraging experiments in privatising state farms. The loss of credibility the government has brought on itself will make it harder to make such a package stick. If it does, the West promised at Madrid to make up to $16 billion available for currency stabilisation. As the rouble goes, so will Mr Yeltsin's fortunes with the West, and with his people.

THE BLUEST WATER

A brighter day for the Tories and for Portillo

Before Michael Portillo won the Employment brief at the last reshuffle, there was concern among his supporters about whether it was the right job for the man. From his performance yesterday, it is hard to see how any job could be better suited to the safe projection of his views. He can cheerfully attack Europe's social chapter and say with a straight face that, because it will create unemployment, "Europe isn't working". He can criticise burdensome regulations and proclaim: "Stop the rot from Brussels". In the narrow sense all this is government policy. But, in a wider sense, his words still ring true. Without ever contradicting the Prime Minister, he showed how much tougher the nationalist rhetoric would be were he to be the one leading the party.

His criticisms of Labour were crisper and more penetrating than Jeremy Hanley's efforts on Tuesday. He laid bare the inconsistencies of Labour's economic policy. How can Tony Blair seek full employment while wanting a national minimum wage which would destroy jobs? "A government led by Tony Blair," said Mr Portillo, "would be tough on wealth and tough on the causes of wealth." As Mr Portillo went on to point out in a speech on the fringe, this is the "clear blue water" between the two parties. Some Conservatives want the party to move sharply to the right in response to Mr Blair's attempt to seize the centre ground. That would suit Mr Blair perfectly. Mr Portillo, the leading man of the right, seems to understand this. The centre ground must not be ceded; the need is to emphasise to the electorate how shallow-rooted is Labour's new-found commitment to these ideas.

At the next general election, the European issue will provide the clearest bluest water between Mr Blair and the Tories. Mr Portillo, like Mr Lamont on Tuesday, has done his best to ensure that this is so. The economy, that traditional great decider of elections, is healthier today than it feels. But by polling day the recovery will have been in place for some four years, and will have filtered through into rising living standards. Unemployment will be lower and job insecurity, though fresh in memory, should be less fiercely felt. Labour will have to produce powerful reasons for change and say clearly how it will finance higher public spending. The Tories will have just brought in a tax cut that they will challenge Labour to reverse.

On Labour's side will still be the "time for a change" argument. This is one that the governing party cannot deflect merely by changing policies. Although changing leaders helped last time, most Tories now hesitate before thinking how to repeat the trick. The longer a party rules, the more powerful the argument becomes. And it is strengthened on every occasion that the ruling party takes the risk of unwarranted patronage.

The aura of dishonesty and sleaze that now taints the Tories must be addressed. Tomorrow, John Major has an opportunity to do so. Personally he is considered honest; he should make an honest speech. He should demand the same standards of probity from all in his Government and all connected with his party. He should insist that he will not tolerate any behaviour, however innocent, that could be misconstrued as improper. A stronger code of ethical standards is needed for public life. His prime task is not to widen the gap between his party and Labour, but to ensure that voters' desire for a change does not overshadow their fear that Labour might endanger their prosperity.

THE POKERNOMICS PRIZE

Game Theory: what's in it for us?

Due to the popular foundations of the Game Theory to which the winners devote themselves, this year's Nobel prize for Economics has attracted a bigger slice than usual of non-specialist attention. Much has been made of the theory's basis in chess, backgammon and — more alluring — poker. Its ties to these gentle pastimes will help to make accessible the strategy of rational behaviour of which John Harsanyi, John Nash and Reinhard Selten are the celebrated champions. It is perhaps not a coincidence, at a time of global military and political instability, that the Nobel Prize Committee has chosen to honour Game Theory: a branch of economics which has had the greatest impact on the way in which "players" — individuals, corporations, cartels and countries — may take decisions that are in their best interests when caught in a confrontational or uncertain situation.

For game theorists like Professors Harsanyi, Nash and Selten, the flaw in conventional economic theory is that it does not fully take account of the highly contingent — and equally chancy — nature of the constraints "players" face in the Real World. When a firm in an oligopolistic industry tries to maximise its profits, for example, it cannot look merely at its own costs and revenues. It must also account for the way in which its rivals can reasonably be expected to react. A new marketing strategy or the launching of a new product can have disastrous consequences if rival firms do not behave as expected.

In fact, the methodology of Game Theory is not confined to commerce and business alone. Applications for its models abound everywhere. They have been used to study the way in which partners in crime may be induced to confess (the so-called "prisoner's dilemma"), to the problems of voting strategies and behaviour, and to the fraught field of industrial relations. It is virtually impossible to open a scholarly journal of political science which does not engage, somewhere, with Game Theory.

The theory transfers easily to international relations, and to strategic spheres such as diplomacy, defence and deterrence. During the long years of the Cold War, many game-theoretic models were constructed about the logic of the arms race, of the desired balance between nuclear and conventional armaments, and the consequences of tactical or pre-emptive nuclear strikes. The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 is a game-theorist's paradigm. And if mankind steered a path away from nuclear calamity during the Cold War, it was due in part to the dire predictions of these models, understood perfectly by both East and West. Today, Western military policy would be the poorer if it were not game-theoretic in temper, an approach which gives Britain and its allies a better understanding of the possible outcomes of any strategic or diplomatic collision.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lamont intervention and the renewed European debate

From Mr C. R. Bullen

Sir, Norman Lamont chose to express his views on the European Union to a "fringe meeting organised by the right-wing Selsdon Group" (report, October 12). It must not be forgotten, however, that many of us who do not owe any allegiance to the Conservative Party and reject the policies espoused by right-wing fringe groups nevertheless wish to see British withdrawal from the EU.

Our democratic system, painfully evolved over the centuries, belongs to all the people of whatever social class, and its destruction at the hands of the federalists is an offence to all those who gave their lives to its construction, whether in war or in the long social struggles to achieve equality for all our citizens. The undermining of our economy, whether by the common agricultural policy, the betrayal of our fishermen, or the turning away from our historic overseas markets, will eventually injure all.

This matter is not merely a difference of opinion within one political party but a split across the whole political spectrum.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. BULLEN,
119 Douglas Road,
Tonbridge, Kent.
October 12.

From Mr Idris R. Francis

Sir, While welcoming Mr Lamont's forthright views on the ERM and the EC, confirming, as they seem to do, that he did not believe much of what he told us on these issues as Chancellor, I cannot help thinking that the UK economy and Mr Lamont's career would both be in much better shape today if he had resigned at the time.

Small exporters such as myself will, I believe, never forgive Mr Major for his obstinate insistence on exorbitant interest rates in support of unrealistic and crippling exchange rates. The Conservative Party has no electoral future until it changes the organ grinder, not just the monkey.

Yours faithfully,
IDRIS R. FRANCIS (Director),
Flight Link Control Ltd,
Unit 7, Old Station Yard,
Farringdon, Alton, Hampshire.

From Mr Richard Rawsthorn

Sir, Your remark about Mr Major "recognising that the pace of political integration is unacceptable to the British people. He wants it to be slowed" (leading article, October 12), hits the nail right on the head. The British people won't stand for integration all at once, so pragmatic pro-Europeans want the ratchet to click less frequently and more quietly, in the expectation that they'll get what they want in the end.

Because of the risk that the British people might let it happen without noticing, many Euro-sceptics see far more danger in this policy of creeping integration than in the "full speed ahead" approach.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RAWSTHORN,
Barcroft,
Cliviger, Nr Burnley, Lancashire.

From Mr A. D. Gatling

Sir, Charles Bremner reports (October 8) M Balladur as saying "you have to understand that French civilisation is a civilisation of uniformity while the Anglo Saxon one is based on diversity". For "French", M Balladur might well have said "continental European".

We have had plenty of warning that this uniformity is the straitjacket into which we shall be buckled when we are part of federal Europe, and which we have been trying for size for the last decade.

Yours faithfully,
A. D. GATLING,
White Lodge, Berwick St James,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

From Mr Michael Hart

Sir, Mr Michael Spicer, MP (letter, October 10), defines the Tory overall objective as continuing "the process of making Britain the most attractive place in the world for people . . . to live in". He might be interested to learn that in a poll reported in *Der Spiegel* ten days ago young Germans aged 15-36 were asked which country would be their first choice if they were to emigrate. In the answers France, Italy and Spain were represented. Britain failed to appear at all.

Thirty years' ago I recall a similar poll in which this country was at the top of that list. Then Britain was admired for the human and social qualities which had enabled it to come through the war and its aftermath. Today foreigners look in disbelief at the low level of public education, public transport, and public health in this country and fail to understand the dogged refusal of the present government to play a leading role in Europe.

To become again the "most attractive place to live in" requires very different policies from those advocated by Mr Spicer. Perhaps the omission of education from his 12-point list says it all.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HART,
49 Chesterfield Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.
October 10.

From Sir Ian Morrow

Sir, When the sovereign states in America decided to join in a union they negotiated a separation of powers between themselves and the federal government.

Many of our present difficulties would not have arisen if in the Treaty of Rome there had been spelt out a separation of powers between the sovereign countries and Brussels.

Is it too late to agree such a separation, which would avoid future disasters?

Yours truly,
IAN MORROW,
2 Albert Terrace Mews, NW1.
October 12.

From Mr David Soskin

Sir, Edward Heath (letter, October 11) fought four general elections on the "centre ground" and lost three.

Margaret Thatcher put clear blue water between herself and Labour. She won all three general elections into which she led the Conservative Party.

John Major should learn the lessons of history.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SOSKIN,
71 New End, Hampstead, NW3.
October 12.

Taxation and unrest at the Conservative grass roots

From Mr George Roberts

Sir, The protracted whinge of Robert Jewell ("A letter to shake up the Tories", October 11) seems to boil down to little more than the fact that he no longer gets tax relief on what are presumably motoring expenses which cannot be justified for the purposes of his business. Does he think a Labour government would, or should, restore this privilege?

His complaint about membership of the ERM is valid, but the Labour Party was no less committed to it than the Tories at the time and is far more so today.

More to the point is that after 15 years the Labour Party has at last responded to market forces by acquiring a leader and adopting policies which stand some chance of being accepted by the electorate. Combine this with a natural desire for change and the largely spurious grievances of the £65,000-a-year Jewells, and you have the recipe for a Labour victory.

During my voting life of 44 years the worst Conservative administration has been better than the best socialist one. I wonder if Mr Blair will do any better.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE ROBERTS,
82 Great Eastern Street, EC2.
October 12.

From Mr William R. Gubbins

Sir, Mr Jewell looks very greedy to people like myself on much lower incomes than he. Some are living on what he pays for school fees. Many don't have a car, and he has two.

Some natural Tories like himself may be attracted to Tony Blair, who approves of the market economy. But everything Tony Blair says is to help the disadvantaged and the low paid, to produce a fair and just society. Does Mr Jewell really think Labour will let him have more of his £65,000, so that there is less of it to go to someone else? I am not a Labour Party member, but am sure he misunderstands it.

The Tory party wants to balance the books, and that's why it is currently raising certain taxes. Mr Jewell should be pleased to pay more taxes to help. If he really wants more of his money he should continue to vote Tory. If he wants a more just society, then he might consider voting Labour.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM R. GUBBINS,
2 Old Bakehouse Yard,
Morpeth, Northumberland.
October 12.

From Mr Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, Mr Major and his team are indeed very vulnerable on the economy. I do not believe they deliberately misled the electorate, but the rise in taxes was largely due to mismanagement. The saga of the exchange-rate mechanism was merely one expensive blunder.

Like Robert Jewell, I too have been concerned about the rising proportion of my income going on tax; but he should not assume that the tax take would be any less under a Labour or Liberal government. Labour have declared their intention of taking a larger proportion of the income of high earners than at present.

The Tories are wide open to criticism on many other issues. No amount of posturing by Mrs Bottomley, armed with masses of statistics, will convince the nation that the National Health Service is working well. The common perception is that it is understaffed and overworked, with money being wasted by and on bureaucrats and not applied to patient care.

Labour have also won the argument about transport: John Prescott has consistently called for an integrated strategy. Yet the Government is seemingly deaf and blind to the explosion in the number of heavy trucks that pound our roads to pieces. Building more roads will not solve the problem.

But the issue which angers many loyal Tories is the Government's failure to improve law and order. Many of us are fed up with what appears to be an alarming amount of corruption in the police force, with a judiciary which often seems out of touch with reality, and with the apparent easy life and lack of security in our prisons when eventually we get the criminals into jail.

Is it any wonder that Tony Blair is riding high?

Yours sincerely,
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October 11.

Brewer's rats

From Brigadier W. P. Bewley

Sir, It was interesting to read (letter, October 7) of the apparently haphazard way in which the *Brewer's* compilers define their dictionary entries. The suggested derivation of "rats" from "rot" seems particularly weak. If, as is suggested, it originated in America, it might well be of German origin. In which case *ratze* could be a better starting point for research: a colloquialism for a misthrow at skittles.

Yours sincerely,
BILL BEWLEY,
1 Ivy Place, London Road,
Stranraer, Dumfries and Galloway.

Brewers' rates

From Mrs Amanda Parry

Sir, In view of the Government's concern for the nation's health can we expect Mrs Bottomley to act on the latest medical reports ("Health risks to smokers twice as high as thought", October 7) and advise the Chancellor to reduce the duty on beer by 3½ per cent a year, to encourage us to drink our recommended intake of 14 or 21 units of alcohol a week?

Yours faithfully,
AMANDA PARRY,
6 Alleyn Road, SE21.
October 8.

'Use-by' dates on drugs

From Dr Neville Davis

Sir, Dr John Glyn's doubts on the value of mandatory "sell-by" and "use-by" dates for most drugs dispersed to the public (letter, October 4) are well justified.

I was asked recently to advise on the possibility of increased side-effects of a fairly expensive drug, as a result of its having been injected more than a year after its "use-by" date. The manufacturers advised me that they had data indicating that their product was still within specification five years after manufacture, although they claimed a shelf-life of only three years on the product licence.

Prima facie, as Dr Glyn suggests, a great many precious resources are being wasted.

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE DAVIS,
Redroofs, Windmill Lane,
Arkley, Hertfordshire.
October 4.

From the Director-General of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

Sir, Dr Glyn asks who monitors the "sell-by" and "use-by" dates of medicines. All medicines are subjected to rigorous independent scrutiny by the Government's Medicines Control Agency for their quality, safety and efficacy.

Every manufacturer must prove that medicines are stable over their entire shelf-life and provide detailed advice on storage when used by the patient (for example, refrigeration).

Batches are subjected to heat, light and humidity, simulating conditions likely to be found in travel, warehousing, and in the home or hospital. Samples are analysed at regular intervals over several years to detect any degradation.

All the information is presented for review by government authorities world wide before a licence for use is issued. Once products are on the market UK government inspectors regularly visit factories and pharmacies and take samples to confirm quality. It is also vital that those in less privileged areas of the world do not receive inferior medicines.

The fact that out-of-date stock is withdrawn by pharmacists does not mean the NHS suffers financially. It pays for medicines only once they are dispensed.

Yours faithfully,
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They also serve, with classic skills

From Countess Alexander of Tunis

Sir, I and fellow judges will be selecting the UK's top head waiter on October 13. This week, unofficially, is National Head Waiter of the Year Week and many people in the hotel and restaurant business have an interest in promoting outstanding service to their customers.

I am involved in the Remy Martin Head Waiter of the Year award, which is organised in association with *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*. The annual competition is now in its fourth year.

This age of "celebrity chefs" has overshadowed the head waiter's contribution to a restaurant's success. We are looking for classic skills, of which our European counterparts are proud, yet which we in the UK seem to value less. Confidence, knowledge and a natural understanding of what diners want are key assets.

These qualities are pre-requisites for customers dining in the top restaurants, but they are not too rare to extend to those elsewhere. We hope that waiters throughout the country will make extra efforts to show that they are proud to serve.

Yours faithfully,
DAVINA ALEXANDER,
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London SW18.
October 11.

Role of airports

From Mr Donovan Noble

Sir, Mr Des Wilson, the spokesman for BAA (letter, October 6), does not write as if he has recent experience of braving the rigours of meeting passengers arriving at Heathrow's terminal 3.

I recently met friends arriving from New York on a Saturday morning. Firstly, there were tailbacks from the motorway because of roadworks, and near gridlock on the roads in the central area. There was competition for spaces in the crowded car park. The area for meeting arriving passengers was hot, overcrowded and stressful. Altogether, an experience to be forgotten.

And yet there are plans to expand Heathrow, whilst Stansted — surely one of the world's more pleasant airports — is grossly underused. I suppose it would make sense, in BAA's way of thinking, to close Stansted as an airport and convert it into the world's largest out-of-town shopping centre.

Yours sincerely,
DONOVON NOBLE,
The Paddock,
Little Hadham, Ware, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Nigel Sitwell

Sir, No, Mr Whiting (letter, October 6), I do not want to enjoy myself shopping, which is not my idea of relaxation. I go to the airport to catch a plane. I would enjoy a pleasant meal, but it's hard to find an affordable airport restaurant that has waiters. Have you ever tried carrying a self-service tray while lugging a heavy carry-on bag?

And no, Mr Wilson, Heathrow and Gatwick are not very well designed and efficient, at least in terms of passenger comfort. All those shops take up space which could be devoted to more seats. Even if one does go on a buying spree, how is one expected to fit one's purchases into the regulation single carry-on bag?

Worst of all, we learn (report, October 6), that Gatwick (and Heathrow too?) plans to actively encourage visitors to stay at the airport "as long as possible". What an appalling prospect! Airport "visitors" are the bane of air travellers, wandering about, getting in the way, children underfoot . . . they're a damned nuisance. Why can't people say goodbye at home, or at least on the pavement outside?

Yours sincerely,
NIGEL SITWELL,
92a Earlsfield Road, SW18.

Keeping 'the peace'

From Mr Bernard L. Baboulène

Sir, What beats me in the controversy over the Peace (letters, September 24, October 1, 4, 8) is how anyone can refer to other members of the same congregation as "complete strangers" (Mr Pinkster's letter, September 24).

Yours faithfully,
B. L. BABOULÈNE,
10 Richmond Avenue, SW20.

Closer comparison

From Mr Neville G. Marsden

Sir, Ms Jane Messer's assertion ("Aiming to relax when confronted by invisible bull", Sport, October 11) that intellectually "a day's shooting, maybe 30 minutes in all, is far more tiring than a day's work" (in the Civil Service), I can well believe it.

Perhaps the nation would be advantaged if someone were to ensure that every civil servant's working day *became* far more tiring than 30 minutes spent lying in the prone position.

Yours faithfully,
NEVILLE G. MARSDEN,
Flat 3, Deerwood,
7 Woodlands Road, Bickley, Kent.
October 12.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 12: The Queen arrived at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, this morning chaired The Duke of Edinburgh's Award General Council at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Admiral of the Fleet, this afternoon visited the Clyde Submarine Base, Faslane, Dunbartonshire.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, this evening visited 45 Commando and Comacchio Group Royal Marines at Royal Marines Condor, Arbroath, Angus.

Major John Crosby, RM was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by His Excellency General Sir Phillip Bennett (Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia) at the Memorial Service for Sir Geoffrey Yeend (formerly Head of the Prime Minister's Department and Secretary to the Cabinet) which was held in the Great Hall, University House, Australian National University, Canberra, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Dr Robin Pellew at the Memorial Service for Dr Terumichi Kawai at the Gamble Room, Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7, this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
October 12: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this morning attended the opening session of the International Early Years Conference at Manchester Town Hall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for he Disabled Association, this afternoon visited Burstow Park Group Riding Centre, Copthorne, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, afterwards visited Crawley College, College Road, Crawley, to present Diploma Awards to Graduates of the In-Service Four Year Part Time Occupational Therapy Course and was received by Colonel Sir Brian Barttelot, Bt (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Autumn Dinner of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE:
October 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Corps at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

The Hon Mrs Wills and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 12: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the British Menswear Guild, this evening presented the Warrants of Appointments followed by dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, London, EC2.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon arrived at RAF Notholt from Madrid, Spain.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
October 12: Princess Alexandra, Patron of English National Opera and Vice President of the British Red Cross, this evening attended a performance of *Tosca* by English National Opera in aid of the British Red Cross at the London Coliseum, London, SC2.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal John Allen-Jones, 85; Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls 61; Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, 48; Sir Denis Forman, former deputy chairman, Granada Group, 77; Sir Leslie Fowden, agricultural scientist, 69; Sir George Gair, former High Commissioner for New Zealand, 68; Sir Roger Gibbs, chairman, Wellcome Trust, 60; Mr Michael Gooley, chairman, Trailfinders, 58; Mr Michael Heath, cartoonist, 59; Mr Justice Hutchison, 61; Mr John Mattias, jockey, 41; Mr J.M. Menzies, chairman, John Menzies, 68; Mr John Regis, athlete, 28; Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, 79; Mr Paul Simon, singer and songwriter, 53; Mr John Simpson, chief-editor, Oxford English Dictionary, 41; Miss Rosemary Sisson, writer, 71; Baroness Thatcher, OM, 69; Mr Justice Waller, 54; Earl Winterton, 51.

Lord Lieutenant

Sir John Wills, Lord Lieutenant of Avon, to be also appointed Lord Lieutenant for Somerset in succession to Colonel Sir Walter Luttrell, who retired on October 1.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward, Prince of Wales, Westminster, 1453; Richard Boyle, 1st Earl of Cork, statesman, Canterbury, 1566; Allan Ramsay, artist, Edinburgh, 1713; Will Brockendon, writer, painter and inventor, Totnes, 1787; Lillie Langtry, actress, Jersey, 1853.

DEATHS: Nicolas Malebranche, philosopher, Paris, 1715; Sir Isaac Brock, soldier, (the Hero of Upper Canada), killed in battle, Queenstown, 1812; Joachim Murat, soldier, King of Naples, self-styled Joachim Napoleon, executed, Pizzo, Italy, 1815; Canova, sculptor, Venice, 1822; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Bradford, 1905; Saul Tchernichowsky, Hebrew poet, Jerusalem, 1943; Sidney Webb, Baron Passfield, co-founder of the London School of Economics, Liphook, Hampshire, 1947.

President George Washington laid the foundation stone of the White House, 1792.

Greenwich was adopted as the universal meridian, 1884.

Ramsay MacDonald made the first election broadcast on the BBC, on behalf of the Labour Party, 1924.

Dinners

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor
The Princess Royal attended the annual dinner of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Sir Colin Cole, Knight Principal, presided. Among those present were:
Lord Lane of Horsell, Lord and Lady Harvington, Lord and Lady Rix, Sir Austin and Lady Bide, Sir Clifford and Lady Cherwood, Sir Robert and Lady Crichton-Brown, Sir Alexander and Lady Durie and Mr Robert Esden, clerk to the council, and Mrs Esden.

Fertiliser Manufacturers Association
The Bishop of Peterborough was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Fertiliser Manufacturers Association held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr R.J. Tooley, president, presided.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held last night at John Brown, Paddington. Among those present were:
Lord Beloff, Lady Butterworth, Lord Gregson, Baroness Platt of Writtle, Lord Renwick, Lord Taylor of Gryfe, Mr David Moorhouse and Mr Jim Noble.

Glovers' Company
Mr John Gratwick, OBE, Master of the Glovers' Company, presided at the annual dinner held at the Mansion House on October 11, 1994. Professor Lord Quirk, FBA, was the guest speaker and Judge Sir Lawrence Verney replied to the civic toast.

MICHAEL POWELL



Field Marshal Lord Bramall at the inauguration yesterday of wall hangings at the Duke of York's headquarters, London SW3. The panels depict early Chelsea, scenes from both world wars, and some of the units now connected with the Duke of York's. Lord Bramall is president of the Greater London Territorial Auxiliary Volunteer and Reserve Association which commissioned the wall hangings by Penny Roberts and Julia Crallan.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will attend the Maritime Trust's silver jubilee dinner at Trinity House at 7.45.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop at 3 High West Street, Gateshead, at 11.00; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will open the new building, Wayout in Gateshead, The Courtyard, Durham Road, Low Fell, Gateshead, at 11.40; will open the new building of Collingwood College, Durham University, at 1.05.

Princess Margaret will open the new magistrates' courts in Shrewsbury, at 12.20; will visit the new headquarters of the Shropshire probation service at Shrewsbury at 1.45 and will visit the new almshouses at Millingtons Hospital at 2.20.

United Medical and Dental Schools

On October 12, 1994, the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals awarded Honorary Fellowships to: Sir Roy Calne, FRS, Mr Albert Frost, CBE, the late Sir Roy Griffiths, Kt, Professor Paul Polani, FRS, Professor Richard Schilling, CBE, and Dr Jeffrey Tate, CBE.

The ceremony was held at Southwark Cathedral and Lord Butterfield, Chairman of the Council of Governors, presided. A reception was held in the Glaziers' Hall followed by a dinner in the Robens' Suite at Guy's Hospital.

Trinity College London

After a career with the British Council and the University of London Examinations and Assessment Council, Dr Alan Moller, MA, PGCE, Dip App Ling, PhD, has been appointed as Chief Examiner (Language) for Trinity College London.

Luncheon

National Sporting Club
Mr Mark McCormack was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the National Sporting Club held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr Bob Willis, chairman, presided.

Memorial service

Sir Alex Alexander
A celebration for the life of Sir Alex Alexander, banker and industrialist, was held on Tuesday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Bernhard Schünemann officiated. Sir George Christie and Mr Stephen Alexander, son, read the lessons. Mrs Clare Gil, daughter, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Miss Antoinette Sibley read *Everyone Sang* by Siegfried Sassoon. Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover and Lord Prior gave addresses.

Miss Jean Rigby, accompanied by members of the orchestra of the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, sang *Have Mercy Lord on Me* from Bach's *St Matthew Passion* and, with Mr Kenneth Sillito, violin, *Dido's Lament* by Purcell. Mr John Constable, piano, and Mr Stephen Orton, cello, played *Elégie* for Piano and Cello by Fauré. Miss Susannah Glanville, accompanied by Mr Constable, sang *Bai'lèro* Songs from the Auvergne. Among those present were:

Lady Alexander (widow), Mr and Mrs John Alexander (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Theresa Alexander (daughter), Mr Guillermo Gil (son-in-law), Mrs Stephen Alexander (daughter-in-law), Mr Timothy Alexander, Mr Marcus Alexander, Louis Alexander, Maxwell Alexander, Eliza Gil, Bruno Gil, Robert Alexander, Katherine Alexander, Benjamin Alexander and Michael Alexander (grandchildren).

The Hungarian Ambassador and Mrs Antalpéter, the Spanish Ambassador, the Swiss Ambassador and Señor Domingo Cullen (representing the Ambassador of Argentina), the Earl and Countess of Leicester, Earl and Countess Lloyd George of Dwyfor, the Earl and Countess of Chichester, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, Countess Ferrers, Lord and Lady Edward Fitzroy, Viscount Boyne, Lady Prior, Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lord and Lady Fisher, Lord Sterling of Plaistow (chairman, P&O and the Royal Ballet School), Lord and Lady Wolfson.

Lord King of Wartnaby, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Baroness O'Cathain (Barbican Centre), Lord and Lady Suffield, Lord and Lady Fairhaven, Lord and Lady Eden of Winton, Lord and Lady Hastings, Lord Henniker, Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Lord and Lady Walker of Worcester, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord and Lady Peyton of Yeovil, Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lord and Lady Haslam, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Mr John MacGregor, MP, and Mrs MacGregor.

Lady Mariegold Jamieson, Lady Rupert Nevill, the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy (chairman, The Prince's Youth Business Trust Advisory Council), the Hon Thomas and Mrs Hazlerigg, the Hon Mrs David Sieff, the Hon Nicholas Berry, the Hon Robin and Mrs Warrender, Major Sir Fergus and the Hon Lady Matheson of Matheson, Judith Lady Roberts, Priscilla Lady Bacon, Sir Saxon and Lady Tate, Sir Edward and Lady Studd, Sir Jeremy Bagge (also representing the Norfolk Country Landowners' Association), Sir Robin Butler (Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service), Sir Patrick Sergeant (Euromoney Publications).

Lady Nicolson, Sir Robert Clark, Sir John and Lady Grenside, Sir David and Lady Money-Coutts, Sir John Milne (chairman, Alfred McAlpine) with Mr Oliver Whitehead and Mr Noel Briggs; Lady Cleminson, Sir Christopher Benson, Sir Martin and Lady Jacomb, Dame Beryl Grey, Sir Brian McGrath, Sir Peter and the Hon Lady Gibbings, Lady Sandilands, Sir Emmanuel and Lady Kaye, Sir Angus Stirling (chairman, Royal Opera House) and Lady Stirling with Sir James Spooner (Royal Opera House Board) and Lady Spooner.

Lady Christie, Sir Neil and Lady Shaw, Lady Peat, Sir Ronald McIntosh, Sir David Plastow (chairman, Inchcape) and Lady Plastow with Mr Charles Mackay (chief executive) and Mrs Mackay, Sir Peter Walters, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, Sir David Orr, Sir Michael Edwardes (Thrombosis Research Institute), Lady Vallance, Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir Ian Hunter and Lady Showering, Sir Guy Lawrence, Sir Kit and Lady McMahon, Lady Miller, Sir Colin Corness, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, Lady Sharpe, Sir David and Lady Hardy, Mr Michael and Lady Angela Oswald, Major and the Hon Mrs Derek Allhusen.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside and Mrs Waterworth, Mr Eddie George (governor, Bank of England), Mr Sherman Lewis (vice-chairman, Lehman Brothers Holdings) with Mrs C Daniel Tyree (representing the chairman and chief executive, Lehman Brothers (Europe), Mr Steven Berger (managing director-sector head, European investment banking, Lehman Brothers Europe), Mrs Marion Senior and other members of the company; Mr Robert Gavron (director, Royal Opera House) with Mr Jim Butler (chairman, Royal Opera House Trust) and Mrs Butler with Miss Felicity Clark (director of the trust); Miss Pamela May (Royal Ballet), Mr Peter Wilson (Royal Ballet Benevolent Fund), Mr Jocelyn Stevens (chairman, English Heritage), Mrs Sarah Lom (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields), Dr Elizabeth Nelson (Princess Royal Trust for Carers), Mr and Mrs Anthony Whitworth-Jones (Glyndebourne), Mr Ronald Baird, (vice chairman, Saatchi and Saatchi), Mr Jasper Archer (director, Cardew and Company), Mr Brian Colegate (managing director, Margetts Foods), Mr John H Shone (managing director, Lyons Seafoods); Mr James McNeish (director, East European Trade Council), Mr George Bull (Grand Metropolitan), Mr E Michael Garston (Leopold Muller Estate), Mr Garry Weston (chairman, Associated British Foods) and Mrs Weston, Mr David Adler (KPMG), Mr G Maitland Smith (Sears), Mr Eric Nicoll (United Biscuits), Mr Jonathan Taylor (Booker), Mr David Newton and Mr John Jackson (Hillsdown Holdings); Dr Norman Jones (Royal College of Physicians), Mr David Gurney (Barclays Bank Norwich and the Norfolk Branch of the British Red Cross Society), Mr Peter Canterbury (Lyons Brooke Bond, Zambia), Mr David Long (Lyons Africa), Mr Tony Wilkinson (secretary, Allied Domecq) with Mr David Beatty; Mr David Norman (chairman, BNB Resources), Mr Hugh Merrill (British Telecom), Mr Clement Keevil (Poulters' Company) and Mrs Keevil, Mr John Adam and Mr James MacPherson (DCA Industries).

Mr Bamber Gascoigne, Mr Rupert Allason, MP, and Mrs Allason, Mrs Gerald Ronson, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr and Mrs R J McAlpine, Major-General and Mrs Philip Tower, Mr and Mrs Peter Barton, Mr and Mrs John Raisman, Mr Henry Wrong, Mr and Mrs Robin Burleigh, Mr J Silverman, Mr David L Donne, Mr John Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Luke Rittner, Canon and Mrs Rupert Lonsdale, Mr and Mrs Willoughby Norman, Mr and Mrs Patrick Grieve, Mrs Brian Nicholson, Mr Stanislay Yassukovich, Mr and Mrs Francis Showering, Mr and Mrs C H Sainsbury, Mr and Mrs Clinton Silver, Mr and Mrs Rodman Rockefeller, Mrs David Bruce, Mr Nicholas Cobbold and Mr and Mrs Andrés Costafreda Monrolhu.

University news

Oxford
Oriel College
Annette Marianne Volfing has been elected to a Tutorial Fellowship in Medieval German.

Cambridge
Queens' College
Fraser Norman Watts is appointed to an Official Fellowship from October 1, 1994.

London
King's College
The installation and licensing of the new dean of the college, the Rev Dr Richard Burridge, will take place today. The service will be taken by the Bishop of London, the Right Rev David Hope, in the college chapel.

Glasgow
Professor Anton Muscatelli to the Daniel Jack Chair of Political Economy. He is a titular professor in the department of political economy at the university.

Professor Ian Wooton to the Bonar Macfie Chair in the department of political economy. He is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario.

Ulster
School of Public Policy, Economics and Law: Barry Fitzpatrick, currently holder of the Jean Monnet Chair in European Law and Policy at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, has been appointed to the newly established second chair in law from January 1, 1995.

Dr Paul Teague, previously senior lecturer in economics at the university, has been appointed to a personal chair in industrial relations.

Dr Colin Thain, previously lecturer in politics at the University of Exeter, has been appointed to the newly established chair in comparative public policy.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr G. Benali and Miss C.A.O. Fuchs
The engagement is announced between Giorgio, son of Signori Livio and Gianna Benalli, of Verona, Italy, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Fuchs, of The Elwells, Dunton Bassett, Leicestershire.

Mr G.S. Coulthard and Miss J.D. Bailey
The engagement is announced between Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Coulthard, of Bramcote, Nottingham, and Janine, daughter of Dr and Mrs Brian Bailey, of Eaglehurst, Calshot, Hampshire.

Mr N.C. de Sagé and Miss F.M.H. Salt
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Cosmo, younger son of the late Canon and Mrs John de Sagé, and Fenella Mary Houlton, eldest daughter of the late Sir Anthony Salt, Bt, and of Prudence Lady Salt, of Ugley Green, Essex.

Mr J.P.St C. Glendinning and Miss S. Stewart
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.P.St C. Glendinning, of Burghead, Morayshire, and Samantha, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs B. Stewart, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr E. Mancuso and Miss L.J. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Enrico Mancuso, of Geneva, son of Signora Lucia Bianchi, of Venice, and Lucy Jane Clarke, of Geneva, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs John Clarke, of Durham.

Flight Lieutenant J.D.B. Paines, RAF, and Miss R.U. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Justin David Billot, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Paines, of St Martin, Jersey, and Rosemary Urquhart, only daughter of Mr Roydon Thomas, QC, of Ansty, Wiltshire, and Mrs Susan Younge, of Modbury, Devon.

Mr M.E.A. Wilson and Miss I.N. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Brigadier Sir Mathew and Lady Wilson, of Woodstock, Vermont, USA, and Imogen, daughter of Mr Tom Wilson, of Bagnols, France, and Mrs Judith Wilson, of Uggeshall, Suffolk.

Mr J.M. Phillips and Miss A.E. Crawley
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Mark, elder son of Dr J.E. Phillips, of Norfolk, and Mrs S.D. Phillips, of Exeter, Devon, and Alice, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H.R. Crawley, of Chiswick, London.

Mr G.W.N. Scoular and Miss M.M. Cutforth
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.N.M. Scoular, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Marguerite, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Cutforth, of Lockeridge, Wiltshire.

Mr P.R. Wick and Miss M.H. Klien
The engagement is announced between Pedro, son of Herr and Frau W. Wick, of Zürich, Switzerland, and Marianne, daughter of the late Walter Klien and of Mrs Erica Klien, of St Leonards, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr A.R. Cunningham and Miss L.M.P. Smith
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 1, at St Mary's Church, Abbey Road, London, NW6, of Mr Andrew Cunningham, son of the late Mr Robert Cunningham and of Mrs Cunningham, of Hastings, Sussex, and Miss Lucilla Smith, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Smith, of Henbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Father Peter Wheatley officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Charlotte and Edmund Fraser, Rupert Strutt, Eleanor Drage, Jack Ring, Phoebe and Holly Caplin, Joni Kamen, Mungo McNair and Chingis Gairey. Mr Daniel Schogger was best man.

A reception was held at the Groucho Club.

Mr P. Dixon and Mrs A. Mavroleon
A service of blessing took place on September 24, 1994, at Betchworth, Surrey, following the marriage of Piers Dixon and Ann Mavroleon, née Davenport.

Mr S.J. Osborn and Miss T.D. Sims
The marriage took place on October 1, at Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, of Mr Simon Osborn, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Osborn, of Blewbury, Oxon, to Miss Tamara Sims, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Sims, of Spring, Texas.

RAF College Cranwell

Air Vice-Marshal N B Baldwin, Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Overseas), was the Reviewing Officer at the graduation of 104 officers of No 154 Initial Officer Training Course and No 257 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

Graduating officers of No 154 initial officer training course
General duties branch - pilot
Flying Officers M K [illegible], [illegible] McDonald BEng, A C E Wisely BSc
Pilot Officer J Reece [illegible]
Acting Pilot Officers J M Collier, G O Griffiths, J D Holmes, M B Keer, G S Lovett
General duties branch - navigator
Flying Officers C S Hazell, P J Read BSc
Pilot Officers J K Eden BSc, G J Evans, A Goddard BSc MSc, R W H Joel BSocSci, D G McGurk BEng, J F Mills BEng, G Terry BA
Acting Pilot Officers D J Arch, D C Baptie, T Cavendish, P T Firth, A F Redman
General duties branch - engineer
Flying Officer J A Stewart BA
General duties (ground) branch - air traffic control
Flying Officer S Walford
Pilot Officers M Hudson BA, R Pegg BSc MSc DIC, K Roberts, D A Rockell BSc, K J Walton BSc
Acting Pilot Officer P E L Binks
General duties (ground) branch - fighter control
Flying Officers M J Holman, J McGowan
Pilot Officers D R F Gilvary BA, D A Lewis BEng, J S Trott BEng
Acting Pilot Officers E L Bailey, K J O'Sullivan, D J Scales
Engineer branch
Flying Officers P R Blevins, I R Green C F Hodge BEM, T W R S Johnson
Supply branch
Flying Officer R J Hart
Acting Pilot Officers A N Grant, N J A Huntley
Administrative branch - secretarial
Flying Officers D D Adey, R L Akred, P Beer, A G Blake, J P Brayshaw, N A Coyne, K Palmer, M G Smith
Pilot Officers J T Brown BA, J D Ford MA, V P Gosling BA, N A Louca BA, A L Morgan BA, P R Sanger-Davies BA, H L Selby BSc, S J Whyte BA
Acting Pilot Officer M Rickard
Administrative branch - education
Flight Lieutenant K L Parker BSc MSc PGCE
Flying Officers R P Brickwood, N G Cross IEng, S Eley, D R Hogarth BEng, C J Kearney, M R Schmalenbach BEng AMIEE
Pilot Officers D D Bye BSc Grad RAeS, R H Corbould BA, C J Ellwood
Administrative branch - catering
Flying Officer D L Worsfold
Administrative branch - physical education
Pilot Officer N R Griffiths BA
Security branch - provost
Flying Officer N Arkless
Medical branch - technical
Pilot Officer M Stezaker BSc
Medical branch - secretarial
Flying Officer D A Miranda BSc DCR DRI

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The Royal Air Force of Oman
Air Loadmaster
Officer Cadet A L T M Kilbani
Engineer
Officer Cadets H S H Al Fazari, J K Al Ruwahi, Y S H Al Shamsi
Kuwait Air Force
Pilot
Second Lieutenants T Al Ajmi, A W S Al Mulla, M S Al Rashidi, O Ali
Qatar Emirate Air Force
Pilot
Second Lieutenants M Al Khayareen, A Al Kuwari
Fighter Control
Second Lieutenant A Ghorab
Belize Defence Force
Pilot
Second Lieutenants E N Bradley, E A Robinson

Graduating officers of the specialist entrant and re-entrant course
General duties branch - intelligence
Fg Off E A Hyde MSc BSc
Medical branch
Flt Lts L C Edmunds MB BS, J M Russell MB BCh, M B Smith MB BS, K T Trimble MB ChB
Dental branch
Flt Lts L A Haveron BDS, J M King BDS
Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service
Flt Lts J Davenport RGN RM, T A Griffiths RGN
Fg Offs K Rapson RGN RN (USA), V A Rimmer RGN RM
Medical secretarial
Flt Lt S P Acres
Legal branch
Flt Lt A D Humphreys BSc

Prizewinners of the graduating course:
The Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize: Pilot Officer S J Whyte BA
The British Aircraft Corporation Trophy: Pilot Officer S J Whyte BA
Overseas Students' Prize: Officer Cadet H S H Al Fazari RAFO
The Group Captain Williams Memorial Trophy: Flying Officer P J Read BSc
The Sarah Moland Memorial Prize: Flying Officer M R Schmalenbach BEng AMIEE
The Specialist Entrant Prize: Flight Lieutenant J M King BDS

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Again Jesus said: 'To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast which a woman took and mixed with three measures of flour until it was all leavened.
St. Luke 13 : 20, 21 (REB)

BIRTHS

BOARDMAN-SUISSA - On September 30th, in Paris, to Allison (née Boardman) and Fabrice Suissa, a son, Benjamin Oscar.

BROUGHTON - On 10th October 1994, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Mary (née Beven) and Tim, a son, Bruno Miles, a brother for Octavia.

BUCKLEY - On October 3rd 1994 at The Royal London Hospital, to Lynda (née Randall) and Alan, a daughter, Chloe Ann, a sister for Tom.

CLAY - George Gabriel born 30th September, son of Robert and Jane. Grandson of Prof. & Mrs Pugh and Mr & Mrs John Clay.

COTTON - On October 8th 1994, to Sarah (née Johnson) and Nicholas, a son, Oliver John.

DENNISON - On 8th October, to Verity (née Jones) and James, a daughter, Natasha Caroline, a sister for Peter.

DERRICK - On October 6th, to Arabella (née Hanson) and Hugh, a son, Hamish Peter Byrne.

DON - On October 5th, to Claire and Asheton, a son, William Robert Douglas.

HOWARD - On 29th September 1994, to Jane (née Gibb) and Alex, a son, Donald Angus Ruairidh (Angus).

LYNCH - On October 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Jim and Brenda, a beautiful son, James Alexander.

ORCHANT - On October 10th at The Portland Hospital for Tracey and Mitchell, a beautiful daughter, Chanade, a sister for Maxwell.

SPENS - On October 8th, to Deborah and Michael, a baby daughter, a sister for William.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Janet (Janet McNeill), widow of Robert Alexander, mother of Neill, David, Frances and the late Connor, peacefully on October 9th at St Monica Home, Cote Lane, Bristol where the funeral will be held at 2.15 pm on October 14th.

ALLEN - Isabel Edith Allen (née Otter-Barry) died peacefully 11th October. Funeral 3.pm Saturday 15th October, at King's Cliffe.

BURCHMORE - On 11th October 1994, suddenly at Caterham, Air Cdre Eric Burchmore CBE RAF (retd), JP and Mr Mate to the Batti-Wallahs' Society. Much loved husband of Margaret, father to Anne, grandpa to Sarah and Amanda and great-grandpa to Corinne. He will be sadly missed too by his RAF, golfing and Batti-Wallah friends. Cremation private. A Memorial Service will be announced later. Donations if desired to RAFBF or British Heart Foundation c/o Truelove & Son Ltd., 187 Croydon Road, Caterham. PER ARDUA AD ASTRA.

CHOPPING - On 10th October 1994, suddenly, Joe, aged 67, of Bradway, Sheffield. Funeral Service Hutcliffe Crematorium on Monday 17th October 1994 at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations for the British Heart Foundation c/o G & M Lunt Ltd., 1 Camping Lane, Sheffield 8.

EVELYN - On October 12th, peacefully at Cheltenham General Hospital, Patricia Lilla Mary, aged 81, wife of the late Major Peter Evelyn, Grenadier Guards, mother of Elizabeth, Patrick and Nicholas. Funeral 12.30 pm 18th October at St Peter's Church, Windrush. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Injured Jockey's Fund c/o W.J. Wright, Funeral Director, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, GL54 1DG.

FITZGERALD - On October 11th 1994, in Sidmouth, after a brave battle against cancer fought with dignity and courage, Marjorie, aged 72 years. Loving wife of Brian and dear mother of Patricia, Mary and Diana. Cremation private. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Potbury's Funeral Service, High Street, Sidmouth. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Sidmouth Parish Church on Monday October 17th at 3 pm.

GOODMAN - Peacefully in hospital on October 10th, aged 69, Dr. Joan Dorothy Teresa (née Harvey). Funeral, North-east Surrey Crematorium, Tuesday October 18th 3 pm. Donations to British Diabetic Association. Flowers to Palmes, Crown Lane, Morden.

GIBSON - On October 11th, at home quietly in her sleep, Mary Elizabeth, a much loved and loving wife and companion. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Hempstead, Norfolk, on Monday October 17th at 12 noon. No flowers please.

HARBAGE - Thomas William (John) of Spalding, Lincs., suddenly on 10th October 1994, aged 64 years. Dearest husband of Patti, devoted father of Sarah and William and dear grandpa of James, Charles, Robert, Eleanor and Grace. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Spalding Parish Church on Tuesday 18th October 1994, 2.30 pm.

HARRISON - On 8th October 1994 as the result of an accident, Ronald Rennie M.B.E., dearest husband of Jill, beloved father of James, Elizabeth and Jacqueline. Funeral Service at St Giles Church, Stanton St Quintin, at 12 noon on Thursday 20th October. Family flowers only please. Donations to R.N.L.I. Further enquiries to F.W. Jones and Son F/D, tel: (0249) 652525.

MARTIN - On 8th October 1994, The Reverend Canon Albert Harold Morris (Jimmy) Martin, husband of the late "Queenie" née Hunter; father of John and Richard. Funeral at Hill Top Chapel, Attercliffe, on Monday 17th October at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations to C.M.S.

MOWLAM - Leonard, on 10th October, peacefully at home with his family, much loved husband of Alma, dear father and grandfather, International Fencer and gentleman. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to the Alzheimers Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, SW1.

MALTBY - Squadron Leader Robert (Bob) T. RAF (retired). Engineer Trapper Extraordinaire. Ex Bomber, Transport and Strike Commands. Suddenly on Sunday 9th October. Requiem Mass Tuesday 18th October at 10 am at St Peter's Catholic Church, Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, for RAF Benevolent Fund and St Peter's Church and any enquiries to Messrs Gore Brothers, Funeral Directors, 40 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, tel: (0843) 835836.

MILES - On 10th October 1994, peacefully passed away at Sevenoaks Hospital after a relatively short illness, Irma (née Fugger), aged 73.

ORPHANIDES - Janet Emily (née Moodie) on 11th October 1994, at Port Alfred, South Africa.

PURDY - Haydn Victor (known to all as Peter), suddenly on October 10th 1994. Much loved brother, father, grandfather and friend. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Monday October 17th at 11.45 am. Enquiries to Hanningtons (F/D) Hove, tel: (0273) 778733.

SENIOR - On 12th October 1994, bravely at home, Denis Allen, dearly loved father of Jane and Georgina and much loved grandfather of Alexander, Emily and Douglas. Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church, Henley-on-Thames, on Tuesday October 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Tomalin & Son, 48 New Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

SIMS - On October 10th peacefully at home, Charles James Stanley, aged 87 years, of C.J. Sims Ltd. Beloved husband of Katharine, father of Ralph and Peter and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Brailes, Warwickshire, on Saturday 15th October at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Parkinsons Disease Society c/o R. Locke & Son, Funeral Directors, Brailes, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 5AZ.

TUKE - On 11th October 1994 Commander Seymour Charles Tuke DSO RN aged 91. Husband of the late Marjorie Tuke and father of Donald and Diana. Funeral 2pm Tuesday 18th October at the Roman Catholic Church, Malmesbury, Wiltshire. Family flowers only please; if desired donations may be sent to Addenbrooke's Scanner Appeal c/o Professor A Dixon, Radiology Department, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge CB2 2QQ.

TYPE - At her home in North Chailey, East Sussex, Pat (Patricia King), wife of John, left this life serenely, sheltered by a circle of family, friends and medical care she had over the months, faced the prospect of her death without flinching. Youngest daughter of James and Eileen McDade, Paisley, Scotland and sister of Margot and Aileen McDade. Her funeral is on Friday 14th October at St Mary's Church, Newick, East Sussex at 11.30am. No flowers other than small posies. Donations to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

WEBSTER - On 4th October 1994, suddenly at her home in Halesworth, Elaine aged 73 years. Cremation will take place at St Faiths Crematorium, Norwich, on Wednesday 19th October at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Woolnoughs Funeral Service, The Chapel, Holton Road, Halesworth.

WINTON - Edward Rufus, aged 78, husband of Ruth and father of Lorna, Richard and Francis and grandfather of Xavier and Olivia. Retired G.P., Mentioned in Dispatches in World War II. Funeral on Wednesday 19th October at 2 pm at Beckenham Crematorium. No flowers, donations if desired to Lewisham Hospital Scanner Appeal c/o Francis Chappell & Son, 251 High Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1NZ.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HAY - Ian 13 October 93 RIP. Much missed by family and all his friends. Selwyn.

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OBITUARIES

RON HERRON

Ron Herron, architect, died of a heart attack on October 1 aged 64. He was born in London on August 12, 1930.



The Imagination Building, Store Street, London, by Ron Herron

FOR the world of architectural graphics and installations, the name Ron Herron immediately conjures up a picture of imagination, partly because Imagination Ltd, the largest design consultancy of its kind in Europe, was the name of the firm of which he was a director until the year before his death.

Yet for many worldwide his name meant far more for students in this country and in architectural departments in universities all over the United States, he was a legend, the mercurial space-age man, a creator who made high-tech imagery live; who invented tent structures, fabric cladding and other lightweight materials hung off wires; a problem solver who described pictures he had in his head simply by sitting down and drawing them without a moment's hesitation.

For others, particularly during the 1960s and 1970s, when the new freedom meant ideas and the directors of architectural practices needed creative people around to win them recognition in increasingly competitive times, Ron Herron was a most sought-after man: his presentational skills were irresistible.

Ronald James Herron was born in Bermondsey, the only child of a local leather worker, who was extremely interested in art, liked to draw a lot and to read. His son enjoyed drawing, too, and, by the age of ten when he was at an elementary school, had been taken round every art gallery in London by his uncle, another artistic member of the family.

At 13 he won a scholarship to the Brixton School of Building to learn carpentry but, on entering the school a year later, found he was hopeless at woodwork and changed to a general course where his gift for drawing was noticed. It was, however, only when doing his National Service that he realised he wanted to be an architect, and went first to Brixton's Night School to train, and afterwards to the Regent Street Polytechnic. In 1954 he joined the then London County Council's Schools Division of Design. At this point, he was rapidly surfacing from his impoverished background.

There followed an astonishing period of change and development that covered years. It could be claimed that Herron was a manifestation of the effervescence of his times. He started off solidly enough with the design of a couple of schools in north London and then, when moved to the LCC's general division, worked on the concrete Hayward Gallery and the Queen Elizabeth Hall also on the South Bank.

It was then that he met Dennis Crompton, Warren Chalk and others. In 1960, together with Peter Cook, they founded the Archigram Group, a breakaway movement which launched in brilliant graphics the conception of the "plug-in" city or "pod-city" as it was also called, the "pod" being the equivalent of movable living space (as with a caravan) plugged into a fixed infrastructure. This picture of a mobile future habitat (characterised in the graphics by images of helicopters taking off) captured the high-tech imagination, whether among students (particularly of the Architectural Association) or of the media. That backer of young architects' work, *Architectural Design*, edited by Monica Pidgeon and the late Theo Crosby, for instance, went overboard in the promotion of Archigram.

It says much for Herron's flair for innovation that Crosby, unfailingly gifted in talent-spotting, appointed him his deputy in 1961 when running the redevelopment of Euston station for Taylor Woodrow; and it was Herron who brought in the other five members of Archigram, the complete group working on many other projects simultaneously, including studies for monorails, the exhibition *Living City* (1963) and the regeneration of "twilight" urban areas such as London's Fulham.

In 1964, with the Euston project completed, the team disbanded and Herron went on to teach at the Architectural Association School (with the rest of the Archigram Group). In 1965 he became an associate of Halpern and Partners, two years later consultant architect to Colin St John Wilson at Cambridge, then suddenly director of urban design at William Pereira and Partners in Los Angeles.

Thus started his extraordinary teaching phase, travelling to and fro between London and various universities in America. Between 1968, when he was with Pereira, and 1982 he had been a visiting tutor at UCLA, at Rice at Houston, at Cornell, at the University of Southern California and had been Artist-in-Residence in Madison at the University of Wisconsin. Yet this astonishing work-load did not prevent him continuing as a part-time tutor at the AA School, winning (with Archigram, of which he remained a partner until 1975) a leisure centre competition for Monte Carlo in 1970 (not built), joining Crosby as a partner at Pentagram between 1977 and 1980, and working with Derek Walker on the Wonderworld theme park for Corby in 1981. In 1982 he opened his own office as Herron Associates and five years later was commissioned by Garry Withers to convert Imagination's just acquired building at 25 Store Street.

In 1989, when the work was finished, his office merged with Withers's, becoming Herron Associates at Imagination. The new partnership designed a new airport for Hong Kong, which — for political reasons — remains to be built.

It was with the Imagination building that Herron, the ideas man, finally came into his own. Before this, there had been nothing of permanent weight by which to judge his huge potential; rather there had been starry-eyed proposals, atmospheric travelling exhibitions and his legendary reputation as a teacher, both of students and of those who had worked alongside him on his many projects.

Herron and Withers had looked at a number of possibilities for Imagination's headquarters (including the Marco Polo building, formerly occupied by *The Observer*, on Queenstown Road, Battersea, which Herron loathed on account of its much derided Post-Modernism); and both partners were only too aware that the condition of the enormous Store Street structure was hardly encouraging. Yet when Herron explained what could be done with it, the prospect which faced them — the old school on the front, the derelict warehouse at the back, gloomy lightwell down to the basement where there was a filthy lavatory block filled with pipes in the middle — was immediately transformed into the beautiful, light and white apparition which is seen today as one enters the exhibition hall, or stands in the central courtyard looking up to the bridges that criss-cross the space and to the teflon tent which covers it.

A travelling Archigram exhibition, partly designed by Herron after he separated from Imagination last year, is at present in Zurich, and Reyner Banham's posthumous book *The Vision of Ron Herron* was published recently.

Ron Herron is survived by his wife Patricia and his two sons.

JOHN BLACKBURN

John Blackburn, Conservative MP for Dudley West since 1979, died from a heart attack while leaving the House of Commons yesterday aged 61. He was born on September 2, 1933.



JOHN BLACKBURN was a policeman's son who joined the force himself and with his avuncular manner, his hard-line views on crime, his uncritical acceptance of the established order and his unshakeable Christianity, he resembled the old time police officer. Inevitably *Private Eye* nicknamed him PC Plod which was unfair for he was much more than that. He broke with his background to become a successful businessman and a popular MP, acquiring a PhD from Berlin University along the way.

He was born in Eccles where his father was a police sergeant. He was educated at Liverpool Collegiate School and Liverpool University. He joined the Royal Military Police in 1949, being singled out to serve in its special investigation branch, and on demobilisation went straight into the Liverpool police, where he became a detective sergeant.

He left in 1965 to join an engineering company where he became national sales manager and had a successful career in industry, during which he was elected to Wolverhampton council.

He entered the Commons at his first attempt when he was elected for Dudley West in 1979. In the House he spoke rarely but nobody was in doubt about his views. He was a consistent supporter of capital and corporal punishment, voting to restore hanging for all forms of murder. He was against abortion, the European Union and the African National Congress. He criticised the FCO for even speaking to the ANC which he likened to the IRA. In contrast he did excellent work on the Heritage Committee and was a strong advocate of leasing works of art to industrial companies.

South Africa found him a firm friend during the apartheid years and he was also devoted to the cause of Israel, where he was awarded the freedom of Tel Aviv. He had a wide spread of interests. He was chairman of the All-Party Camping and Caravanning Group and in his spare time was a keen yachtsman. He was a dedicated churchman on the evangelical wing, and backed the rights of parents to withdraw their children from sex lessons. In the House even civil liberty experts and critics of the police respected his staunch support of his former profession. For eight years he was adviser to the National Association of Retired Police Officers.

His parliamentary activities were curtailed for a long period after two heart attacks and he told friends he felt he was living on borrowed time.

He was married in 1958 to Marjorie Thompson. She survives him, together with their son and daughter.

JOAN DICKSON

Joan Dickson, British cellist and string teacher, died in London on October 9 aged 72. She was born in Edinburgh on December 21, 1921.



ONE of the leading string players of her generation, Joan Dickson played a catholic repertory with warmth and thoughtfulness. She also passed on her skills and enthusiasms to a new generation of students, as a strict but sympathetic teacher. Indeed she concentrated on teaching as opposed to performing out of an innate modesty concerning her own capacities.

Nevertheless she was particularly renowned for her readings of the works of English composers. To the cello concertos of Elgar, Walton and Delius, in particular, she brought an affinity of response that never dipped over into sentimentality or romantic over-expressiveness. With her full tone, but one which was nevertheless not excessively vibrant, and with her inborn sense of line she phrased these works with consummate and moving eloquence.

After a debut recital in Edinburgh in 1942 she studied at the Royal College of Music with Ivor James and thereafter in Paris and Rome. She finally went Enrico Mainardi, studying under him in Salzburg and Lucerne, becoming one of his much prized pupils. He, in turn, taught her much about interpretation. Her London debut recital in 1953 received much acclaim.

She was a noted player of chamber music, interpreting cello sonatas in the company of her sister Hester at the piano and later with her friend Joyce Rathbone, a pianist who had a great influence on her subsequent development. Iain Hamilton was one of several composers who wrote sonatas for her and she took pride in supporting the music of her contemporaries.

Joan Dickson was, at different times, cellist in the Mangeot and Edinburgh quartets (of the latter she was a founder-member in 1953), in the Scottish Piano Trio and in the Clarina Ensemble. In 1965 she was awarded the Worshipful Company of Musicians Medal for her services to chamber music.

She particularly enjoyed playing at the annual festival in her home city of Edinburgh and she taught at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music there from 1954. She also became a professor at the Royal College of Music in London in 1967.

In the 1980s she led an important campaign, in company with Joyce Rathbone and several other distinguished musicians, to counteract what she conceived to be the malign influence of competitions (especially the BBC's) on young players — who, she maintained, were thus given too much prominence before they had really attained maturity.

On this subject, as on many others, she held strong views which she delivered in a determined manner. The campaign succeeded in gaining important modifications to the BBC Young Instrumentalist Competition.

She never had any time for the type of non-musical hype which in her later years tended to threaten the world of professional performance. She remained an exponent of true musicianship to the end of her life.

She was unmarried.

VICTOR DURAND

Victor Durand, QC, died on October 1 aged 86. He was born on October 16, 1907.



VICTOR DURAND was one of the truly great jury advocates. At the height of his career, between 1950 and 1970, scarcely a day passed when the evening papers did not record yet another of his courtroom triumphs.

Victor Albert Charles Durand was born in Devonport. Educated at Howard High School, Cardiff, where he was Kitchener Scholar, and at Imperial College, London, he first qualified and practised as a civil engineer. He then read law and was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in November 1939, becoming a pupil of Derek Curtis-Bennett. During the war he served with the Royal Engineers, being invalided out following an injury suffered during mine disposal.

When he returned to his old chambers he soon established himself as a busy junior in the criminal courts, both as prosecutor and defender. Although he was a member of the Midland circuit, the greater part of his practising life was spent at the Central Criminal Court and on the South-Eastern circuit.

In 1958 he was appointed deputy chairman of Warwick Quarter Sessions. In the same year he took silk and was asked by the Home Secretary to hold an inquiry into riots at an approved school near Bedford. From this time Durand seemed set to follow the heights of high judicial office achieved by Frederick Lawton and later by Sebag Shaw. His successful defences were legion. They included the trials of Charles Ridge, the Chief Constable of Brighton; Terence Reid in the Holy Lady Murder; Jack "Spot" Comer; Jack Ince in the Essex Barn Murder; the Krogers, KGB agents; and the firm of Andrews Weatherfoil in the Wandsworth corruption trial.

Then in 1961 came the case which almost destroyed his career. He appeared for a police officer in a civil action where a photographer sued for assault and false imprisonment. During the hearing Durand failed to disclose that the officer had been demoted in an unrelated matter. He won the case but the Court of Appeal ordered a rehearing and the decision was reversed. The Benchers of the Inner Temple held that he was guilty of professional misconduct and suspended him from practice for three years. He appealed to five judges, including Lord Parker, the Lord Chief Justice. The judges cut the suspension to a year. The blow would have destroyed a weaker man.

True to his character, Durand accepted full responsibility for what had occurred. Although many at the Bar felt he had been unfairly treated, and he received over 300 letters of sympathy and good will, he uttered no word of self-pity or complaint. He retired to his home at Pett Level on the Sussex coast, treating the year as a sabbatical, indulging in his hobbies of bricklaying, carpentry and gardening.

His return to the Bar quickly showed that he had lost none of his confidence and skill. He crowned it by securing acquittals in three capital murder trials in succession. Of these the most famous was that of Harvey Holford, before Mr Justice Streatfield, the same judge before whom he had appeared in the ill-fated civil action.

Durand's style was unique and the antithesis of the great advocates of the past. Not for him the melodrama of a Marshall Hall or the cold logic of a Norman Birkett. He had the gift of identifying himself with the jury and was the master of the unspoken word — leaving it to them to complete the thought process he had begun.

He was quietly spoken, deepening his voice only to emphasise a point or the gravity of the answer he expected from the witness. He was never condescending and was disarmingly courteous as he sought to put the witness at ease before he embarked together with the jury on his search for the weak link in the prosecution case. He would find that point, and even if only on the periphery of the essential issue, pursue it and captivate the jury. Brevity and economy marked his cross-examinations as he displayed an extraordinary instinct for asking only the right questions. With the expert witness he was supreme, his training as an engineer and his manual skills being his essential tools.

In the Cyprus spy trial in 1986, when he was already 78, he defended a young aircraftsman whose evidence-in-chief was such that even the judge did not know what he was talking about. Durand saw his moment. "It may be that there is a little confusion here. Do you think that you could elucidate further?" The response was a look of blank amazement, and a torrent of gibberish followed. Durand paused: "I'm much obliged. Now all is clear." There was a stunned silence, then the whole court erupted into laughter. No one believed any longer that his client was capable of stealing secrets. Another eminent silk, defending another accused, was heard to comment: "Victor, that is either the worst examination I've ever heard or it is sheer genius, and I know which it is."

He presided as head of chambers at Queen Elizabeth Building and later at 3 Raymond Buildings. He was elected a Bencher of his Inn in 1984 and retired in 1992. His wife, Betty, died in 1986. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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BERLIN, Oct 12

Herr Grotewohl, the head of the new east German Government, set up here by the Russians as a counterpart to the west German Federal Government at Bonn, presented his Cabinet to the Lower House (the Volkskammer) today.

The Socialist Unity Party preponderance in the new Government is even greater than appears from the fact that the Prime Minister, Herr Grotewohl, a Deputy Prime Minister, Herr Ulbricht and six other Ministers belong to the party. Herr Steinhoff, though nominally not a party man, has close Communist affiliations, being a leading member of the "People's Council." In addition the Democratic Farmers' Party and the National Democratic Party, represented respectively by Herr Goldenbaum and Herr Bolz, were formed last year to attract voters unlikely to join the Socialist Unity Party or those who could not conveniently be taken into that party, such as ex-Nazis and ex-officers. These parties are no more than a tactical extension of the Communist machine.

The Christian Democratic Union has been given the four posts which the party newspaper *Neue Zeit* announced on Sunday had been allocated to it, and the Liberal Democrats have three. These two parties have so far been allowed to retain a semblance of independent life in the eastern zone, and many members of both parties have struggled to give that semblance some reality. The present leaders of the party have, however, led them into captivity, just as Herr Grotewohl and Herr Fechner led the Social Democrats of eastern Germany into captivity when the Socialist Unity Party was formed three and a half years ago.

The new Cabinet is little more than a gathering together of the German organizations already created by the Russians for the administration of their zone. The same men will continue in most cases to do the same jobs and carry out the same policies . . .

Herr Grotewohl's statement of policy fell flat to any but the truest of believers. The five-year economic plan and the promised ending of food rationing next autumn had already been announced. His statement that, although the Government stands by socialized industry, it expects private industry to contribute to economic recovery was also not new. His promise of improved imports of raw materials and foodstuffs had already been made by the Economic Commission as part of the propaganda for the five-year plan.

In foreign affairs Herr Grotewohl gave the inevitable emphasis to friendship with the Soviet Union and the eastern European States in the Soviet sphere of influence. He coupled acceptance of the Oder-Neisse line with the equally inevitable attack on the western Powers. What Herr Grotewohl did not say is regarded here as more important than what he said. He mentioned the sovereignty of the new Republic in only general terms; he did not announce any mitigation of reparations, but merely reiterated his Cabinet's intention of fulfilling this duty in the interests of peace.

ON THIS DAY

October 13 1949

The birth of a state, which as the German Democratic Republic was admitted to the United Nations in 1973. Demonstrations against the communist regime in 1989 led to its collapse.

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Britons go for le shopping

TRAVEL NEWS IN BRIEF

MORE THAN three million cross-Channel bargain-hunting shoppers will invade the French coastal ports this Christmas – fifteen per cent up on last year.

Jacques Walter, manager of the Mammouth hypermarket in Calais, said he has already seen an 18 per cent rise in the number of British shoppers over 1993,

Takeoff plan

A NEW Caribbean regional airline, in which British Airways plans to take up to a 25 per cent stake, is soon to serve the islands of Barbados, Grenada, St Vincent, the Grenadines and St Lucia. The airline, provisionally called Sunrise, will be largely financed through



private investment with some government funding possible.

Swiss treat

VISA International has launched a promotion for business travellers and holidaymakers in Switzerland which includes a 50 per cent discount off accommodation in Basel, reduced entry prices to museums, and discounts at shops and restaurants. The VIP Pass is available through Swiss National Tourist Offices worldwide and at selected Visa banks.

Beirut bound

BRITAIN'S newest airline, British Mediterranean Airways, will begin daily flights from Heathrow to Beirut – the city which only two years ago was given the automatic soubriquet "war-torn" – this month. The chairman, Lord Hesketh, has appointed David Burnside, former British Airways public relations chief, to convince the media to take the airline seriously.

Now you see it...

OLD railway sidings and a marshalling yard behind Arsenal tube station in Islington are among a record 120 entries from 44 countries for the British Airways Tourism for Tomorrow awards. Among the "environmentally correct" projects is an ice hotel in Sweden which melts away at the end of the season.

MARIANNE CURPHEY



Hand-woven dolls on sale for $20 near the Pushkin Palace near St Petersburg – each doll is worth an average monthly wage

Queen's trip boosts Russia

Moscow operators welcome the royal visit, says **David Churchill**

SPECIALIST tour operators are hoping that the Queen's visit to Russia next week will give a much needed boost to tourism in the former Soviet Union. Since the break-up of the USSR, the number of British visitors has almost halved from about 80,000 a year to just 45,000.

Thomson Holidays, which had been sending Britons to Russia for the past 20 years, pulled out earlier this year over the diphtheria scare and says it has no plans to go back.

British Airways Holidays has also decided to take Russia out of its 1995 European Cities brochure, in spite of the fact that its parent airline now has a daily flight to Moscow as well as a week-day service to St Petersburg. Lesley Fenney, BA Holidays produce manager, says that the decision to abandon Russia "was because our sales figures were not as high as expected due to the adverse publicity and a level of service which, in general, was not good enough".

However, in spite of Russia's much publicised problems of crime and poverty, specialist operators believe that the tide is turning. "We very much hope that the Queen's visit will rekindle interest," Steven Penney, director of Intourist Travel, says. "Bookings are showing signs of picking up, especially among independent travellers." Prices this winter for short-break packages, such as a Moscow and St Petersburg twin-centre deal starting at £379, are from £90 lower than last year.

Next Monday Intourist Travel – which was formerly the state-run agency – is launching a Russian Tourist Information Service to provide up-to-date details of current activities within Russia. The service is available on a premium-rate number: 0891 516951.

Patrick Cherry, marketing manager of Page & Moy, says: "Bookings in recent months have been better than at any time in the past two years." Most popular is a four-night, two-city package starting at £299 and including a train journey between St Petersburg and Moscow.

Taking a train is not just the most scenic way to travel: the Foreign Office advises against taking internal Russian flights because of poor safety standards and tour operators will not sell tickets for them.

The most popular cities are Moscow and St Petersburg. "I think people do not really understand the new republics with long, strange-sounding names," Mr Cherry says. "They see Moscow as being much safer because it has such things as a McDonald's."

New air links to US slopes

SKIERS flying to America this winter will find their choice of resort determined by the vagaries of American airline routes.

There will be no direct flights to the Rocky Mountains from London after the axing of Continental's service to Denver, but careful route-planning and the enforced change of plane will make some resorts more accessible.

Northwest Airlines will begin flights into Eagle, Colorado from its hub airport in Minneapolis. Transfers to Vail take only 30 minutes and to Aspen 90 minutes. With the two resorts offering their Premier Passport ski lift pass – allowing use of lifts on all seven mountains for $38 a day – it makes a two-centre holiday an attractive prospect.

SNOW LINES

GRAHAM DUFFILL

An alternative is to include Aspen and Crested Butte, which is just 15 minutes away by small plane. Ski the American Dream says it is a popular combination.

American Airlines flies straight into Gunnison, just half an hour from Crested Butte, from its hub city in Dallas Fort Worth. Another convenient American flight is from Dallas to Hayden, half an hour from Steamboat Springs.

A two-centre holiday in California can be easily reached by flying United Airlines to Reno, Nevada, which allows short transfers to both Heavenly and Mammoth.

Andy Perrin, marketing manager of Crystal Holidays, which sent 10,000 skiers to America last year, says the loss of the Denver non-stop might initially put some travellers off. "Threading your way through a huge American hub airport sounds daunting, but there is a small army of people in uniforms with clipboards to mollycoddle you through."

The biggest losers are in Scotland which used to enjoy American and Northwest flights from Glasgow, both of which have been stopped and routing through Heathrow is unavoidable.

The American market takes 20,000 to 25,000 British skiers a year. There was no increase last year although tour operators are still expanding the packages and America receives prominent coverage in many brochures. Bladon Lines, the middle-market chalet operator features Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in its first excursion into America from £610 for a fortnight. Crystal Holidays is offering 15 resorts this season but it predicts that Breckenridge, Colorado, which takes 40 to 50 per cent of UK skiers, will remain the outright favourite. Vail, the purpose-built "Austrian-style" Colorado resort, takes about 20 per cent and Aspen comes third.

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How many sun-seekers with no spending money can one island take? Corfu's strategy may be to go up-market by limiting the number of rooms

Corfu fears invasion from Eastern Europe

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

The future character of package holidays throughout the Mediterranean could depend on decisions taken this winter by a few dozen hoteliers and apartment owners on Corfu.

The Greek island is in the front line of a battle for beds between Western European holidaymakers and millions of tourists from the former Soviet bloc whose pent-up demand for foreign travel is about to burst. An estimated 20,000 Russians, 70,000 Hungarians and as many Poles, Czechs, Romanians and other Eastern Europeans for whom Corfu is the nearest holiday destination want to come next summer. As hotels on the island prepare to close down for the winter and the olive harvest, travel agencies are seeking the beds to accommodate them.

Many on the island — which depends for 85 per cent of its income on tourism and has recently greatly improved its image — are worried that the eastern Europeans will have less to spend than the British and Germans on whom they depend for their livelihoods.

"They bring much of their own food, take bus trips to see the sites and keep very much to themselves," said one taxi driver. Corfu is now one of the most important destinations for Thomson Holidays, which keeps a close watch on standards and expects 150,000 British holidays to visit the island this year as a result. For the first time, however, more Germans will visit the island because of the increased size of their market following reunion.

As demand has risen, hotels and apartments throughout Corfu have been full. But Tassos Rizo, chairman of the Corfu Hotel Association, is worried about the impact of ever-growing tourism to the entire region.

"By the year 2007 there could be 300 million people a year coming to the Mediterranean on holiday" he says. "If that happened it would be a disaster. It would be nothing short of criminal of governments to allow it. I am only an entrepreneur and therefore have no power, but those who have must wake up. The environment simply cannot sustain that pressure."

His brother Paul, who owns five of the island's highest-quality hotels, is more sanguine. "Had the Russians and others from the east come in 1989, when there were thousands of empty beds, it would have made a big difference," he says. "But now we are virtually full throughout the season and although their agents have been around all the hotels and apartments offering the same rates as the British and German tour operators, there is little room.

"They seem prepared to pay just as much for the package as visitors from any other country but then buy only the items they can't find at home."

Alexander Zarkadas, the Governor of Corfu, plans to provide grants to farmers to develop "agro-tourism" — a move which should encourage a new type of eastern European backpacker. "We do not plan to give grants to hoteliers and any increase in the 30,000 hotel beds and 80,000 apartment rooms would have to be gradual," he says.

The Rizo brothers remain convinced that if Corfu limits visitors to about 105,000 at any one time — the same number as the inhabitants — the island could become a high quality attraction.

Years of British and German domination has lent the island a Western European "feel". At the same time a multi-million pound extension of the airport should enable the new arrivals and departure area to open in time for next season and bring to an end the chaos and over-crowding which has plagued the airport for years.

The obvious strategy seems be to attract the richer holidaymaker by raising standards still further and price the others out of the market.

"Quality will in the end reduce the quantity" said Tassos Rizo. And what the Corfiot hoteliers decide is being anxiously watched by many others throughout the Mediterranean.

Why tour operators are truly powerful

Does the Foreign Office do all that is necessary for the British tourist?



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

When plague strikes India, The Gambia becomes victim to a military coup, terrorists open fire in Egypt or the world is afflicted by any other natural or man-made disaster, who reacts first and most effectively — tour operators or the Foreign Office?

Almost always it is the travel industry. Within minutes of the news breaking, companies are on the phone to representatives ordering them to visit the tourist hotels and apartments to reassure their clients or pull them out of the troubled country.

While Whitehall is still quietly assessing the political and diplomatic impact of any event, the travel industry — which is bound both legally and economically to the well-being of its clients — has to form a view and take action.

Tour operators are increasingly being forced into the role of ambassadors, the real British power overseas. A subtle name change by their association has helped to underline the industry's newfound self-confidence. The tour operators "club" used to be known as the Tour Operators Study Group. Now it is the Federation of Tour Operators or FTO — uncommonly close to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's initials.

Sometimes, of course, they get things wrong. Occasionally one of their members — who account for more than 90 per cent of all holidays bought through travel agents — will jump the gun. Thomson Holidays, for example, over-reacted when it stopped taking clients to the popular areas of Delhi, the Taj Mahal and Jaipur because of worries about the plague. But by remaining mute the Foreign Office served only to confuse both the industry and the public.

Tour operators also have the ability to force developing countries to change their ways. Whether this is right or wrong is open to argument. But the tour reps, talking to hoteliers, restaurateurs, airport workers and tourism ministries, wield enormous power. If they demand bacon and eggs for breakfast for their guests rather than the traditional local food, that is what the guests will get.

Tour reps are ubiquitous because at any one time between 300,000 and 500,000 Britons are abroad — far more than the numbers who once formed the backbone of the Empire.

The Foreign Office still looks after British "interests". Its main concern is still the British exporter, the contract which might be won provided there is no fuss, the intelligence gleaned in the diplomatic cocktail circuit.

The reps, meanwhile, may not be aware of the high political or diplomatic niceties of the country in which they are working, but they do understand what ordinary British holidaymakers worry about and what they should be warned about. They are the real British "presence" abroad.

At last the industry is being taken seriously in some high places, even if the Government and Whitehall still have not realised its importance. About 16 universities run travel and tourism courses, including Bournemouth, which is advertising for someone to take up a Chair of Tourism. Sponsored by Travelbag, the Australian travel organisation, the chair is intended to encourage research into all aspects of the industry. Bournemouth University has run an undergraduate course in tourism since 1986 and has enough places for 75 students a year. This year it received more than 1,200 applications.

Putting romance back into travel

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

Holidaymakers looking for fresh ideas for next summer will this week be bombarded with an array of "new destinations".

This is the time of year when tour operators begin campaigns to promote countries and regions they believe offer the best potential for growth. The fashionable destinations this year range from states in America to Ethiopia, Beirut and Laos.

Jennifer Cox, spokeswoman for Lonely Planet, which publishes guidebooks for independent travellers, says that people "miss the romance of travel" and like to feel they are going to virgin territory. "We try to get the message across that the first tourists to visit a region will affect how everyone else is treated in years to come, so it is important to learn as much about a culture as possible before setting off."

STA Travel, which is popular with independent travellers, is pushing Namibia as an alternative to Kenya and other African tours. Within its boundaries is the world's oldest desert, spectacular game parks, the world's second biggest canyon, and a culture which few Western tourists have experienced until now.

Among the other new destinations being offered this year are the little known Comoros islands in the Indian Ocean and the nine islands of Cape Verde 300 miles off the coast of Senegal, six of which are volcanic and three of which are flat and sandy.

Gillian Smith, STA marketing manager, also recommends the spectacular scenery of Costa Rica: "It has rainforests, volcanos, mangrove swamps, rare species of plants and animals." And Vietnam, which has opened up to tourism over the last few years, is growing increasingly popular, with bookings up by 300 per cent this year, she says. Less visited countries tend to become popular only when air fares come down to affordable levels or when political conflict has ceased.

Silk Cut has launched its 1994-5 programme with increased emphasis on out-of-the-way hotels and destinations. Its new "World Collection" brochure features ten new destinations at the expense of busy and some would say over-commercialised resorts like Pattaya, Hua Hin and Cha Am in Thailand — which have been dropped.

Director Graham Phillips says: "Increased charter holiday business has unsettled many established long-haul holidaymakers who are worried that some of their favourite destinations will change in character as far greater numbers visit the best known resorts in the Caribbean and Far East. We have therefore expanded in areas offering more secluded locations."

Cox & Kings has included Paraguay and Uruguay in its programme for the first time, offering travellers the opportunity to venture off the beaten track into rural South America, and has a new series of tours featuring Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel.

Abercrombie & Kent is introducing Zanzibar, known as the Isle of Spices, and tours to East Africa, taking in the newly-opened Uganda and national parks in Zimbabwe.

Hayes and Jarvis's Worldwide brochure combines old favourites like Kenya, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia and the Caribbean with new destinatios like Tibet, Vietnam and Bolivia. North Carolina, meanwhile, is beginning to target the British holidaymaker. It boasts the Cherokee, the Great Smokey Mountains, ski resorts, state parks and the ultra-long Appalachian Trail marked footpath.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

STA's top ten new destinations:
1 Namibia
2 The Comoros
3 Cape Verde
4 Costa Rica
5 Tasmania
6 Madagascar
7 Samoa
8 Uganda
9 Lisbon
10 Hydra, Greece



A bushman in Namibia, one of this season's new destinations

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Ronay slates ferry food

BY ROBIN YOUNG

Cross-Channel travellers get a blunt warning this morning from the new edition of *Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide*: "Don't confuse terminal or ferry food with the real thing".

The 1995 book published today includes a special investigation of cross-Channel ferry services and reports that ferry companies which advertise "excellent" food serve anything but. The *Guide* inspectors tried all the available services from Dover to Calais and Folkestone to Boulogne, and says: "For all the crossings it is best to avoid the food both at the terminals and on board."

The report concludes: "Catering on board leaves much to be desired, with food heated for too long on hot plates or microwaved to unctuous stodginess and very often greasy, undercooked at best and at worst stale, dried-up, totally inedible. The catering at the various terminals fared no better, with some truly deplorable standards; the Calais terminal is a definite must to avoid . . .".

"The message is: pack a few sandwiches, or save your appetite for France," says the *Guide*'s managing editor, Andrew Eliel. Calais and Boulogne, he says, both have good restaurants, though the Guide, which lists 3,000 hotels and restaurants in Great Britain and Ireland, recommends nothing in Dover.

Egon Ronay's Cellnet Guide 1995 Hotels and Restaurants, Macmillan, £14.99.

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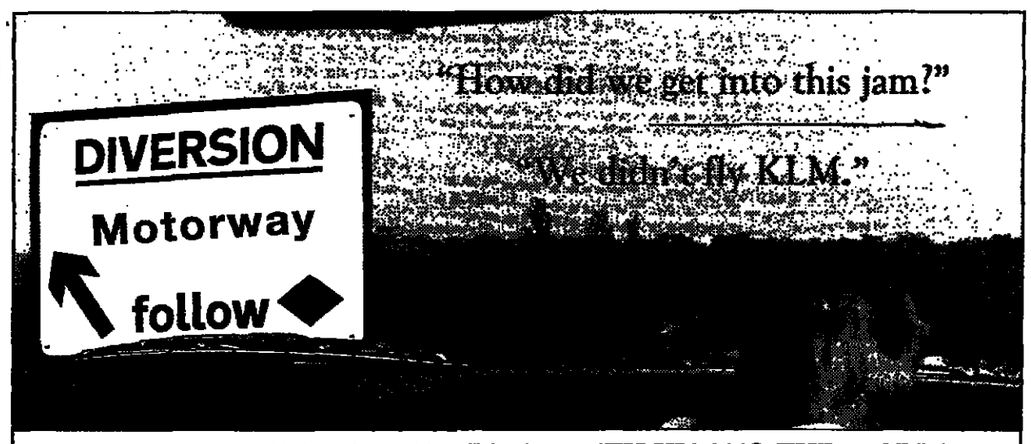
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NEWS

Portillo cheers the Tory Right

■ The Conservative Right made significant advances in the battle for the soul of the party yesterday as Michael Portillo strengthened his future leadership claims with a fiercely Eurosceptic speech that was rapturously received by party conference representatives.

A carefully crafted attack on the excesses of Brussels, followed by a fringe speech urging the Tories to trumpet their differences with the Labour Party, strongly enhanced his reputation with the rank-and-file..... **Pages 1, 2, 8, 9, 19**

Inflation hits new record low

■ Another fall in inflation to record lows and yet another big decline in unemployment promised substantial savings for the Government, but was disappointing news for millions of pensioners ..... **Pages 1, 25**

Thatcher in Texas

Baroness Thatcher arrived in Dallas, Texas, on the first day of a speaking tour of America amid concern about her health and reports that her son's marriage was to end..... **Pages 1, 16**

Exclusion zone

Despite the open opposition of France to any exclusion zone in southern Iraq, the United States called a meeting of the ambassadors of the old Gulf War allies at the United Nations to present its proposals..... **Pages 1, 11**

Ceasefire hopes

James Molyneaux offered to meet loyalist paramilitary leaders as speculation increased in Northern Ireland that they will declare a ceasefire today..... **Pages 2, 18**

Midwife murder

Kathleen Hempsall, a midwife murdered in her own home may have been stabbed when she disturbed a burglar, it was disclosed..... **Page 3**

Labour's test

Labour is facing the first serious electoral test of its popularity after the sudden death of Dr John Blackburn, Tory MP for Dudley West..... **Pages 2, 8, 9, 21**

Jail demand

A Romanian prosecutor urged a court in Bucharest to jail a British couple accused of buying a baby and trying to smuggle her out of the country..... **Page 3**

Fire boy dies

One of the two infant boys injured in an alleged arson attack on their home has died from his injuries. The parents of Jim Cunningham, 20 months, were brought from police cells to be with him as he died..... **Page 5**

Missile plans

Russia and China are developing new nuclear missile systems that could be in service before the end of the century..... **Page 14**

Fatal noise

A noisy neighbour who brought five years of misery to a suburban avenue finally ran amok, stabbing one man to death and leaving three others injured, a court was told..... **Page 6**

Cold shoulder

When President Clinton hit the campaign trail in Michigan, none of the Democratic candidates whose efforts he had come to support appeared on the platform with him..... **Page 10**

Deng nears end

Chinese officials have given a strong sign that Deng Xiaoping is nearing death..... **Page 15**

Election frolics

When Michael Huffington's limousine drew up outside San Francisco's Sheraton Palace Hotel the TV crews rushed forward. Their prey was not California's Republican Senate candidate, but his wife..... **Page 10**

Yeltsin hunts for rouble saboteur

■ President Yeltsin of Russia ordered the Counter-Intelligence Service, successor to the KGB, to report in three days' time on who was to blame for the crash of the rouble and the resulting financial crisis. He blamed the fall on "sabotage or extreme irresponsibility on the part of those groups which organised the fall"..... **Pages 1, 14, 19**



A dozen or more charities and voluntary organisations will gain more than £635,000 from Pink Floyd's concerts at Earls Court, the first of which was last night. The old rockers got together with the charities yesterday. From left: David Gilmour, Nick Mason and Rick Wright

BUSINESS

Coal: Former amateur racing driver Richard Budge is set to take over the Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire coalfields after Christmas to become the country's leading coal baron after the privatisation of British Coal..... **Page 25**

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The Administration is deciding whether to admit Poland and other countries in Eastern Europe to Nato. But most Russians still regard Nato as an alliance against Russia —*The New York Times*

Lieutenant General Raoul Cédras ... "retired" from the military, styling his departure as merely that of a soldier discharged after a long, honourable career. In a country numbed by atrocities, retribution and punishment [have to be set aside] —*The Washington Times*

Lloyd's names, wealthy people who gambled on becoming even richer and lost, make a pitch for sympathy on *Inside Story: Wiped Out* (BBC1, 10pm)..... **Page 47**

The rouble falls

If the slump in the value of the rouble finally brings about the departure of Viktor Gerashchenko, the head of the Russian Central Bank, some good will come of this latest turbulence..... **Page 19**

The bluest water

At the next general election, the European issue will provide the clearest bluest water between Mr Blair and the Tories. Mr Portillo, like Mr Lamont, has done his best this week to ensure that that is the case..... **Page 18**

The pokernomics prize

Western military policy would be the poorer if it were not game-theoretic in temper, an approach which gives Britain and its allies a better understanding of the possible outcomes of any strategic or diplomatic collision..... **Page 19**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Yassir Arafat is by no means the first terrorist to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The clear doctrine of these awards is: terrorism is an acceptable way of achieving political objectives..... **Page 18**

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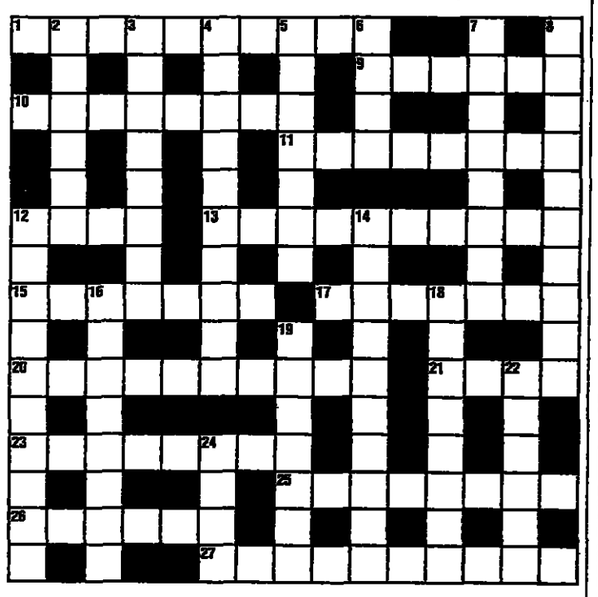
PETER RIDDELL

The Euro-sceptics have captured the heart of the Tory conference, if not yet completely its head. The pro-Europeans are on the defensive. The one sure way for a minister to win applause is to attack Brussels and make a nationalist appeal..... **Page 8**

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Tuesday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Baltasound, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.9in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne, 9.2hr.

☐ **General:** a chilly, misty start in most of England and Wales with dense fog in places. Most of the fog should clear during the morning, but it may linger into the early afternoon in one or two areas. Otherwise it will be a dry day with fairly sunny skies in the afternoon and light winds.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be fine, after early mist and fog. There should be a reasonable amount of sun in most areas. Northwest Scotland and the Northern Isles will be breezy with a little drizzle in Shetland.

☐ **London, Central S, Central N, SE, NE, SW, NW, E England, E Anglia, E, W Midlands, Wales, Lake District:** mist and fog slow to clear, otherwise dry and sunny. Wind northeast becoming southeast light. Max 17C (63F).

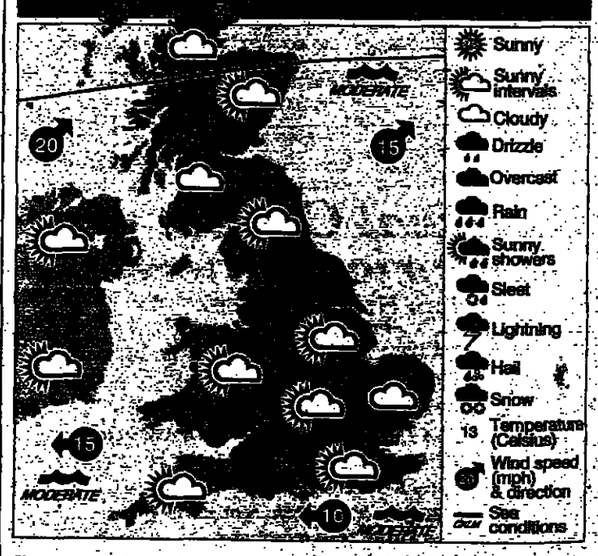
☐ **Channel Isles:** any mist soon clearing, then mostly dry with sunny spells. Wind easterly light or moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** early mist and fog, then dry and fairly sunny. Wind south or southwest light to moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **NE, NW Scotland:** mainly dry with some cloud. Wind southwest moderate to fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy, drizzle at times. Wind southwest fresh or strong. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook:** mist and fog overnight, slow to clear in the mornings, otherwise mainly dry and bright.



Changes to chart below from noon: high L will drift SE towards E Europe and decline. Low H will move north and then fill in situ. Low M will push E and fill.



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright.

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Aberdeen	7.3	-	19	66	s	Liverpool	1.4	-	17	63	c
Anglesey	8.6	-	17	63	s	London	1.3	-	19	66	c
Aspatria	6.3	-	17	63	s	Lowestoft	5.7	-	16	61	s
Aviemore	5.2	-	14	57	b	Manchester	3.8	-	19	66	b
Belfast	5.3	-	15	59	fg	Margate	6.9	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	5.2	-	18	64	b	Minehead	5.4	-	16	61	b
Bognor R	2.7	-	18	64	b	Morecambe	7.1	-	17	63	s
Bournem'th	7.5	-	19	66	s	Newcastle	9.2	-	20	68	s
Bristol	6.0	-	19	66	s	Newquay	7.3	-	19	66	s
Buxton	4.6	-	16	61	s	Norwich	1.8	0.01	18	64	c
Cardiff	5.6	-	17	63	b	Nottingham	5.2	-	18	64	s
Clacton	6.8	-	18	61	s	Oxford	2.8	-	18	64	b
Cleethorpes	X					Penzance	2.7	-	18	64	c
Colwyn Bay	1.2	-	14	57	c	Plymouth	7.3	-	20	68	s
Cromer	3.6	-	16	61	b	Poole	7.6	-	21	70	s
Doncaster	3.5	-	15	59	fg	Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	c
Dunbar	X					Rhos-o-sea	4.9	-	17	63	b
Eastbourne	4.8	-	17	63	b	Ryde	X				
Edinburgh	8.6	-	18	64	s	Scarborough	5.3	-	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	9.0	-	19	66	s	Sandown	4.9	-	17	63	s
Exmouth	3.5	-	18	64	b	Saunton Snd	7.0	-	21	70	s
Falmouth	X	-	17	63	b	Scarboro'	4.5	-	15	59	b
Fishguard	X					Scilly Isles	2.5	-	16	61	b
Folkestone	7.9	-	18	64	s	Shanklin	6.8	-	17	63	b
Glasgow	6.3	-	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	3.9	-	16	61	b
Guernsey	7.1	-	21	70	s	Skegness	1.0	-	12	54	fg
Hastings	4.8	-	17	63	s	Southend	5.8	-	17	63	s
Herne Bay	7.7	-	18	64	s	Southport	0.7	-	15	59	c
Hove	2.7	-	16	61	c	Southsea	5.6	-	18	64	b
Hunstanton	1.9	-	14	57	fg	Swanage	6.7	-	17	63	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	6.5	-	17	63	s
Isle of Man	7.0	-	16	61	s	Tenby	7.2	-	17	63	s
Jersey	6.1	-	21	70	s	Three	3.0	-	13	55	c
Kinloss	0.9	0.01	14	57	r	Torquay	5.1	-	18	64	b
Leeds	3.8	-	17	63	s	Tynemouth	9.5	-	16	61	s
Lerwick	4.2	0.07	11	52	sh	Ventnor	7.3	-	18	64	s
Lauchars	8.7	-	18	64	s	Weymouth	5.7	-	18	64	s
Llandrindod	2.2	-	19	66	c						

These are Tuesday's figures

Ajaccio	23	73	s	C'phagn	12	54	f	Madrid	33	73	f	Riyadh	36	95	s
Akrotiri	30	86	s	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	24	75	r	Rome	22	72	c
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Dublin	13	55	s	Malaga	33	73	s	Salzburg	13	55	s
Algiers	24	75	f	Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Malta	25	77	f	S Pdsch	19	66	c
Amst'dm	10	50	fg	Faro	23	73	c	Melb'rne	14	57	f	Santiago	17	63	c
Athens	24	75	c	Florence	22	72	s	Mexico C	17	63	c	S Paulo	30	86	f
Bahrain	32	90	s	Frankfurt	15	59	s	Miami	30	86	f	Seoul	23	73	f
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	23	73	s	Milan	19	66	f	Sing'pore	27	81	s
Barbados	27	81	c	Geneva	16	61	f	Montreal	9	48	s	Stkholm	10	50	s
Barcelona	21	70	c	Gibraltar	22	72	f	Moscow	8	46	c	Strasbg	16	61	s
Beirut	31	88	f	Helsinki	9	48	f	Munich	15	59	s	Sydney	15	59	c
Belgrade	15	59	s	Hong K	27	81	f	Nairobi	22	72	s	Tangier	24	75	f
Berlin	14	57	f	Innsbruk	17	63	f	Naples	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	34	93	c
Bermuda	28	82	f	Istanbul	18	61	r	N Delhi	30	86	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Biarritz	24	75	s	Jeddah	38	100	s	N York	14	57	s	Tokyo	24	75	f
Borde'x	22	72	f	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Nice	21	70	f	Toronto	10	50	s
Brussels	15	59	s	Karachi	35	95	s	Oslo	10	50	f	Tunis	27	81	s
Budapst	15	59	s	L Palmas	23	73	f	Paris	20	68	s	Valencia	28	73	f
B Aires	15	59	f	Le Touq't	20	68	s	Peking	22	72	c	Venice	13	55	c
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	19	66	f	Perth	22	72	s	Vienna	19	66	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Locarno	17	63	s	Prague	9	48	s	Warsaw	5	41	c
Chicago	16	61	s	L Angels	26	82	s	Reykjavik	8	46	r	Washton	16	61	s
Ch'church	-	-		Luxembg	18	64	s	Rhodes	29	79	f	Zurich	17	63	f
Cologne	17	63	s	Luxor	32	90	f	Rio de J	20	68	f				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.25	5.9	8.32	6.0	Liverpool	5.44	7.5	6.13	7.5
Aberdeen	8.20	3.5	8.34	3.6	Lowestoft	3.39	2.2	4.48	2.2
Avonmouth	1.00	10.0	1.45	10.2	Margate	3.04	4.0	7.05	4.1
Belfast	5.45	2.9	6.05	3.1	Milford Haven	12.20	5.4	1.01	5.8
Cardiff	12.36	9.65	1.19	9.72	Newquay	11.59	5.6		
Devonport			12.21	4.6	Oban	12.31	2.7	1.37	3.2
Dover	5.21	5.8	6.15	5.5	Penzance	11.40	4.8		
Fishguard	11.51	4.1			Portland	12.19	1.4	12.40	1.5
Glasgow	6.37	4.1	7.21	4.3	Portsmouth	5.46	4.0	6.18	3.9
Heysham	5.53	3.2	6.44	3.4	Shoreham	5.30	5.0	6.13	4.9
Holyhead	5.04	4.5	5.27	4.8	Southampton	5.29	3.9	6.58	3.8
Hull			1.17	6.95	Swansea	12.16	7.5	1.02	7.7
Manchester			12.36	7.32	Tees	10.30	4.4	10.47	4.6
King's Lynn			12.04	5.3	Wilton-on-Hull	5.43	3.5	6.28	3.5
Leith	9.16	4.2	9.39	4.7					

Height in metres. All tide times are GMT

Sun rises: 7.21 am Sun sets: 6.12 pm
Moon sets: 12.41 am Moon rises: 3.29 pm

London 6.12 pm to 7.22 am
Bristol 6.22 pm to 7.32 am
Edinburgh 6.18 pm to 7.43 am
Manchester 6.16 pm to 7.34 am
Penzance 6.36 pm to 7.42 am

Full moon October 19

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 1994

Inflation falls to its lowest level for almost 30 years

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

BRITAIN'S core inflation rate fell to a new record low in September, yet again undershooting the Bank of England's forecasts and weakening the case for another rise in interest rates this year.

Underlying inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and which is targeted by the Government, fell to 2 per cent, from 2.3 per cent in August. This is the lowest annual rate since comparable statistics started to be compiled in November 1967.

Headline inflation fell to 2.2 per cent from 2.4 per cent. The Bank's preferred measure, which excludes mortgages and indirect taxes, is not published, but is estimated to have fallen to just 1.2 per cent.

The Bank of England, which argued forcibly for the ½-point increase in base rates on September 12, has consistently overestimated inflation and appears to have done so again. In its latest *Inflation Report*, published in August, it predicted that underlying inflation would drop to about 2.25 per cent in the months ahead. Its own measure was not predicted to fall below 1.5 per cent.

Consumers' reluctance to accept price rises was amply demonstrated in September. In August, retailers had pushed prices up and sales had fallen. Price rises were reversed in September. The annual rate of increase in clothing and footwear prices fell to zero, from 0.8 per cent in August.

The benign inflation situation was underlined by figures showing that average earnings growth in August remained at 3.75 per cent, for the third month running. Wage costs per unit of manufactured output fell 0.8 per cent and manufacturing productivity continued to improve, rising by 5.3 per cent.

Ian Shepherdson, UK economist at Midland Global Markets, said inflation was no longer the main indicator guiding the authorities' interest rate policy. The base rate rise had been decided on largely because of a perception that second-quarter economic growth had been too fast. Mr Shepherdson said yesterday's figures would make it harder for Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, to argue for another base rate rise this year.

The Government's headline unemployment total continued downwards. It fell by a larger than expected 28,000, seasonally adjusted, to 2,566,000, or 9.1 per cent of the workforce. This is the lowest for four years and takes the drop in unemployment since its peak in December, 1992, to more than 400,000.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKETS

FT-SE 100	3100.5	(+27.5)
Yield	4.09%	
FT-SE A All share	1539.72	(+12.99)
Nikkei	20089.72	(+268.26)

New York:

Dow Jones	3874.81	(-2.02)*
S&P Composite	465.74	(-0.05)*

US RATES

Federal Funds	4 11/16%*	(4¾%)
Long Bond	95 16/32*	(95*)
Yield	7.89%*	(7.88%)

UK MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5¾%	(5¾%)
Ltte long gilt future (Dec)	101 30/32	(100 30/32)

STERLING

New York: $	1.5810*	(1.5795)
London: $	1.5815	(1.5787)
DM	2.4393	(2.4421)
FFr	8.3460	(8.3530)
SFr	2.0354	(2.0352)
Yen	157.99	(158.44)
£ Index	79.9	(80.1)

DOLLAR

London: DM	1.5420*	(1.5448)
FFr	5.2802*	(5.2850)
SFr	1.2865*	(1.2866)
Yen	99.90*	(100.20)
$ Index	82.2	(82.3)

Tokyo close Yen 100.15

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec)	$16.30	(n/a)

GOLD

London close	$388.55	($387.85)

* denotes midday trading price

Most of British Coal will go to RJB

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Government is to sell the bulk of British Coal's mining operation, together with contracts worth £1 billion a year, to RJB Mining.

RJB, formerly a British Coal opencast contractor, is expected to pay up to £600 million for the three regional pit packages — Central north, Central south, and the North East — for which it was named "preferred bidder" yesterday. The three areas contain all of British Coal's English mining operations, including 15 deep mines and 14 opencast sites.

British Coal's Scottish operations, including the Longannet deep mine and nine opencast pits, will be sold to Mining Scotland, a consortium including the National Union of Mineworkers and Coal Investments.

Celtic Energy, an employee buyout, has been chosen as preferred bidder for the nine opencast pits in South Wales. An employee buyout has secured the right to negotiate reopening the Tower Colliery.

The sale, which could fetch more than £700 million, will end 46 years of state ownership of coal. It is expected to take place on Christmas Eve.

Tim Eggar, the energy minister, said price had been the main reason RJB had been preferred to rival offers from Coal Investments and two management buyouts, for the central regions. However, it is believed that RJB's record as the longest established bidder also played a part.

Kim Howells, Labour MP for Pontypridd, said the sale of the English business to RJB "is simply creating a private monopoly in place of a public one". Mr Howells, a former research officer for the National Union of Mineworkers, said: "This is a catastrophic missed opportunity to diversify ownership, increase real competition and safeguard production." The Department of Trade and Industry, he said, had simply "grabbed the loot from the highest bidder and looked no further than the end of its rapacious snout".

Trading in the shares of RJB were suspended ahead of the announcement because the acquisition will increase the size of the company many times over. The shares will remain suspended until the company has detailed how it means to finance the deal.

Richard Budge, the chief executive, said he was "delighted" by the decision which he said would "make RJB the major player in coal mining in the UK".

Malcolm Edwards, the former British Coal commercial director whose Coal Investments teamed up with the Union of Democratic Mineworkers to bid for both the Central regions, was disappointed at the outcome. "We put in a fair price. We lost and we are very sorry," he said.

Mr Eggar singled out for special praise the managing director of the Celtic Energy buyout consortium, Bryan Riddleston. Mr Riddleston promised that Celtic would seek to "maintain opencast operations in South Wales in an environmentally sympathetic way, so that jobs can be created for the longer term."

But the reasons for choosing of Celtic remained unclear. Some other bidders for the region are believed to have offered as much, or more.

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Budge: delighted

HUW EVANS



Pit start: Tyrone O'Sullivan and the rest of his employee buyout team have won the right to negotiate to reopen the Tower colliery in South Wales

TSB workers call off today's strike

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

TSB workers have called off their strike planned for tomorrow morning after a last-minute agreement with the bank in a dispute over pay.

Bifu, the banking and finance union, called off the action, dropped its demands for a 6 per cent pay increase and agreed to a 2 per cent across-the-board pay award.

The union said it had won a number of safeguards on performance-related pay during talks with TSB at Acas, the conciliation service. TSB has agreed to a guaranteed minimum increase of 2.25 per cent in 1995 and of 2 per cent in 1996 and will review the increase in two years' time with a view to continuing it beyond 1996.

The union had been set against performance-related pay, but a spokesman said yesterday that it had backed down after TSB agreed to a separate appeals procedure for staff who were unhappy with the way the performance element of their pay had been calculated.

Bifu had been planning a series of selective strikes after a slender majority of union members voted for industrial action. The union spokesman said that the action had now been cancelled.

Clark woos and wins Babycham

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

BABYCHAM and Gaymer's Cider, two brands that launched a thousand teenage romances, are changing hands in a £109 million deal that represents a further huge step in the growth of Matthew Clark Group, the drinks distributor.

Clark is buying the Gaymer Group in a deal to be part-funded by a hefty rights issue. Gaymer was the subject of a 1992 management buy-out from the drinks group Allied Domecq (then Allied-Lyons), when Clark had expressed interest in buying the cider business.

As well as cider and Babycham, Gaymer has Warninks advocaat and various British wines. Peter Aikens, Clark's chief executive, said that the deal would more than double the turnover of his company's branded drinks division, which already produces Strathmore, Britain's second biggest-selling sparkling water, and Stowells of Chelsea wine boxes. "We're a drinks business, we're not becoming a cider company," he said.

Clark also has a significant drinks distribution business, which will supply the on-trade with the new brands.

Under the complex deal, investors who backed the buy-out, led by the venture capitalist Candover, are effectively seeing the repayment of borrowings owed to them by the business and exchanging shares in Gaymer for shares in Clark. In all, £53.5 million will go to pay off Gaymer's debt and £55.6 million to buy the business. Clark is raising £64.6 million by a three-for-five rights issue at £5 to clear the debt, while the actual purchase price is going in the form of shares to the vendors. Clark shares fell 36p, to 589p, on news of the rights.

Mr Aikens said that the deal would be earnings-enhancing immediately, disregarding costs of reorganising Gaymer. These have been set at £38 million, to be carried out over the next year to bring big annualised cost-savings.

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Budget plea

The Chancellor should not be tempted to repeat the policy mistakes of the 1980s by reversing any of the tax increases that he announced in last November's Budget, or by cutting taxes in his second Budget, next month, according to the Green Budget compiled by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), the independent tax policy experts, and Goldman Sachs, the US securities house. Page 26

C&W in China

Cable and Wireless, via the 57 per cent owned HK Telecom would invest HK$2 billion if mobile phone and fixed network ventures proceed in China. Page 30

EC allows Fr11bn Groupe Bull aid

From Wolfgang Münchau in Brussels

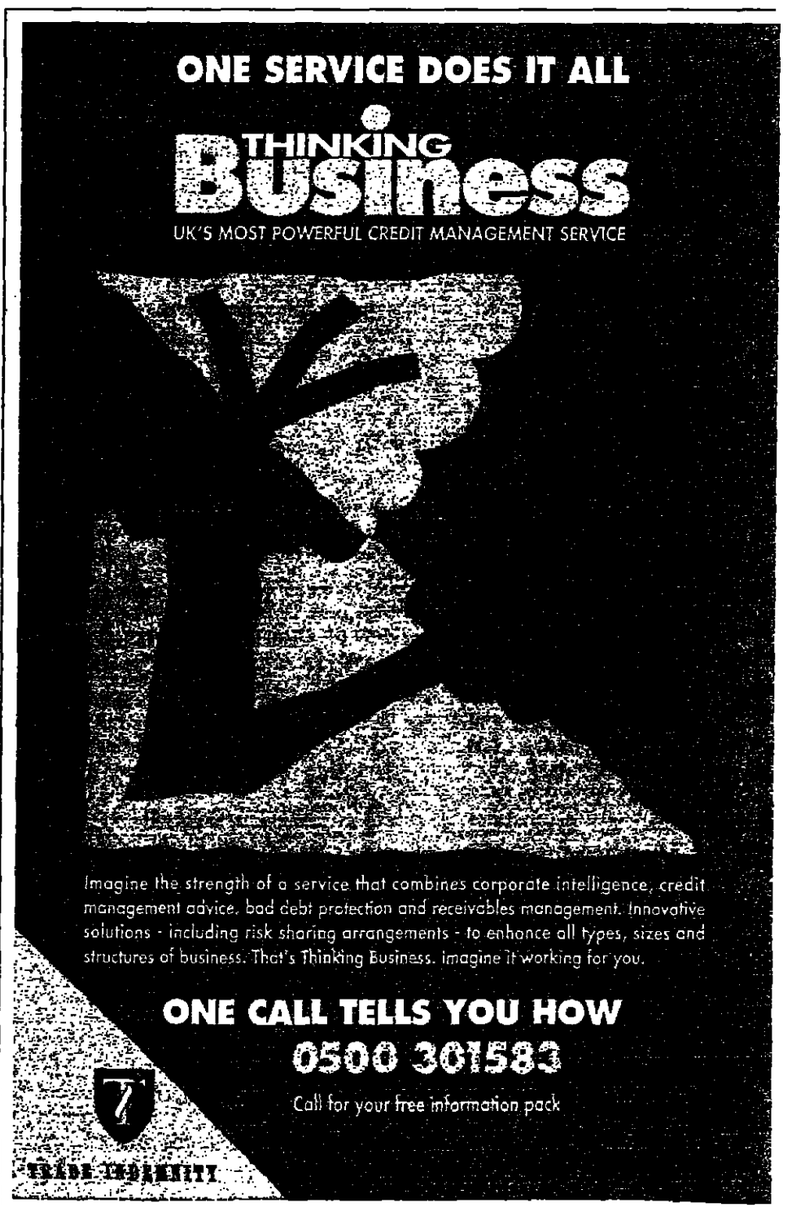
GROUPE Bull's Fr11.1 billion aid from the French government should go ahead, the European Commission ruled yesterday. It found that the restructuring package of the state-owned computer manufacturer complied "scrupulously with community guidelines."

But the commission gave the clearest hint that it will take a tougher line in another case of state aid, linked to the takeover of an east German steel company by a Belgium firm. A rejection is almost certain to lead to a showdown with the German government.

The decision to approve the French government aid was widely expected. The ruling is linked to a series of conditions, most notably the speedy privatisation of the company.

The French government predictably welcomed yesterday's ruling and announced that it will launch a tender offer for the company within weeks, hoping to conclude the privatisation in a few months, according to a statement from the French industry ministry.

Bull has already received Fr8 billion of the Fr11.1 billion aid, the remainder having been put on hold pending the outcome of the commission's investigation.



BAe makes agreed £490m bid for VSEL

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Aerospace is making an agreed £490 million bid for VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness warship builder.

The share-swop offer is intended to make Britain's biggest defence contractor a powerful force in warship construction, building a naval systems arm with annual sales of £800 million to balance its £1.3 billion revenues from military aircraft.

Dick Evans, BAe's chief executive, said: "Together we shall be in a much stronger position to compete for contracts, both here in the UK and in export markets."

Noel Davies, VSEL's chief executive, said that a takeover would enhance its prospects and improve long-term security for most of its 5,800 workers.

BAe, which employs 31,500 in its defence operations, is offering 2.747 of its own shares for every VSEL share. With BAe shares up by 12p, to 471p, after the announcement, the offer values VSEL shares at 1,294p. There is a cash alternative of 1,140p.

BAe is forecasting a year-end dividend of not less than 6p, up 20 per cent, making 8.3p for the year. VSEL predicts that pre-tax profits in the year to end-March 1995 will match last year's £60.9 million. Although a deal requires Ministry of Defence consent, BAe has been courting VSEL, the builder of Britain's Trident nuclear missile submarine, for a year, and would not have bid without indications that approval will come.

Besides extending BAe's capability in marine systems, a takeover would strengthen BAe's balance sheet. With VSEL's £288 million of net cash, success would cut BAe's gearing to just 10 per cent.

Lord Chalfont, VSEL chairman, will remain a consultant to BAe until next July, when his contract expires. Mr Davies will retire, but advise BAe on its naval systems division.

GEC, the UK's second-biggest defence contractor and owner of the Yarrow warship yard on Clydeside, appears content to stay on the sidelines.

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JOHN CHAPMAN



Dick Evans, left, BAe chief executive, and Lord Chalfont, chairman of VSEL, yesterday

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Clarke warned against Budget tax reductions

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor should not be tempted to repeat the policy mistakes of the 1980s by reversing any of the tax increases that he announced in last November's Budget, or by cutting taxes in his second Budget, next month.

This is one of the main messages of the so-called *Green Budget*, compiled by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), the independent tax policy experts, and Goldman Sachs, the US securities house. The report, one of the more influential pre-Budget submissions looked at by the Treasury, says the tax rises announced a year ago remain essential to keep the public finances under control, despite *unexpectedly low inflation* and healthier growth.

The Green Budget predicts that, because growth has been faster than expected so far this year, the public sector borrowing requirement will undershoot the Government's summer projection of £36 billion by about £4 billion.

In the fiscal year 1995-96, the IFS and Goldman Sachs expect the PSBR to fall to £24 billion. However, they argue that, even with these reductions, the ratio of national debt to national income will only stabilise and that further *real public spending* cuts, or a "permanent improvement in economic performance", will be needed if the Government wants to cut taxes.

The IFS says many will conclude from the rapid improvement in the PSBR that tax cuts are justified. "To our mind, they are inviting the Chancellor to repeat the fiscal policy mistakes of the late 1980s." *Then, it is argued, the* Government took advantage of a temporary improvement in the PSBR to announce much larger tax cuts taxation than were sustainable.

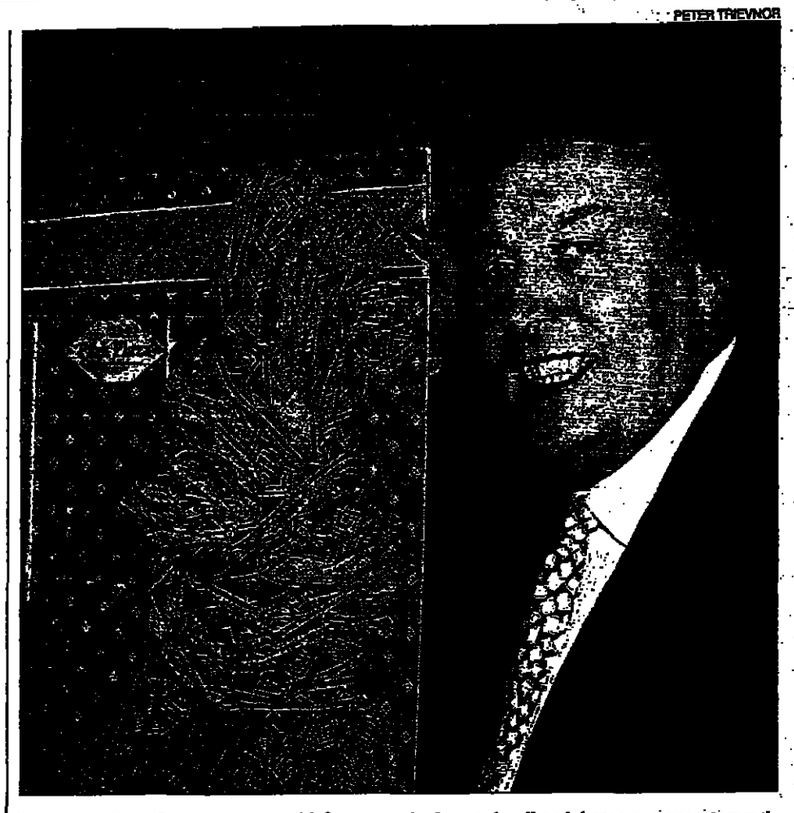
The Green Budget says lower than expected inflation this year will enable Mr Clarke to announce a £5 billion cut in *nominal* public spending in his Budget next month, without having to forgo any *real* public spending plans.

The Green Budget's advice and policy assumptions are based on relatively optimistic growth forecasts. Goldman Sachs predicts growth of between 3.5 and 3.75 per cent both this year and next. This is considerably more optimistic than the Treasury's own summer predictions of 2.75 per cent in both years, and also far higher than many private sector forecasts.

For example, the ITEM Club, which uses the Treasury's *economic model*, predicted this week that growth would amount to 3.5 per cent this year, but slow to 2.75 per cent in 1995 and to 2.5 per cent in 1996.

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PETER TREVNOR



Trading pattern: Harry Morgan, chief executive of Fine Decor, the manufacturer of printed wallcoverings, which reported that conditions in the UK decorative market remained difficult because of good summer weather and a generally weak home improvement activity. However, the company said that the second half had started well and that strong export growth continued. In the six months to July 31, pre-tax profits rose to £1.4 million (£1.3 million). Earnings per share eased to 7.3p (8.1p), after an increase in shares. The interim dividend is 2.7p (1p). Sales fell to £18.8 million (£19.2 million) after a big buyer re-timed promotional activity.

BA offers telephone share dealing service

BRITISH Airways has become the first company to offer a telephone share-dealing service in its own shares. The BA branded service is to be provided by Barclays Stockbrokers, to supplement BA's postal share-dealing service and its telephone Personal Equity Plan service. Under the new service, the airline's 250,000 shareholders can buy or sell shares by telephone for a minimum commission of £15, or by post for a minimum of £10. They can buy or sell shares up to a maximum value of £7,500.

While many banks and building societies have a telephone service, other large companies have, until now, offered only a postal service. Justin Urquhart Stewart, director of business planning at Barclays Stockbrokers, said: "Companies cannot promote their own shares. What they can do is make it easier for people to buy them." BA will not pay Barclays Stockbrokers for the service, but it will handle the promotional side itself.

SIB appointment

THE Securities and Investments Board, the chief city regulator, announced yesterday that it had seconded Tim Shepheard-Walwyn from Swiss Bank Corporation to a newly created post of Adviser on International Affairs. During the two year appointment he will be responsible for co-ordinating the SIB's relations with overseas regulators and for the development of the UK regulatory regime as it affects the international securities markets.

Airlines get £2m refund

AIRLINES are to get a £2 million windfall from the Civil Aviation Authority, which is refunding part of its excess profits this financial year. The sum is from the budget for safety regulation, which is paid for by airlines, and is the second refund that the CAA has made. Larger UK airlines in February enjoyed a refund of £4 million, the first of its kind, after CAA cost-cutting and an increase in aircraft using British air space. Travel News, pages 22 and 23

Profit U-turn by Lotus

LOTUS, the once struggling sports car group, has achieved a £10 million turnround into profit. The company, sold off by General Motors, earned pre-tax profits of £2.8 million for the year to August 31, against a £7.5 million loss previously. Total Group Lotus sales came to £50.8 million, an increase of 22 per cent. The recession wiped out sales of sports cars in America and Europe, but Lotus, now owned by Bugatti, *it has slimmed down its organisation.*

Cairn to raise £16.4m

CAIRN Energy, the oil and gas company, is raising £16.4 million through the sale of shares in its US subsidiary. Cairn is reducing its stake in Cairn Energy Inc. (CEUSA) to 17.9 per cent from 53.9 per cent by selling 2 million shares to an affiliate of Harvard College at $7.50 a share. Cairn has also entered into an underwriting agreement that will lead to the sale of a further 1.676 million shares at $7. Overall, £20.9 million will be realised giving a £16.4 million profit.

Gas rejects charges fears

BRITISH Gas has dismissed as "nonsense" a suggestion from the Gas Consumers Council that standing charges could rocket by Christmas, putting a disproportionately heavy burden on pensioners and the lower-paid. (Martin Waller writes).

The Gas Consumers Council, the consumer pressure group, has claimed there could be immediate sharp jump in gas prices through an abrupt rise in standing charges, *adding 9 per cent to* bills of customers who use the smallest amount of gas.

But British Gas dismissed any discussion on prices as "futile," saying no decisions had been made.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	18.15	16.65
Belgium Fr	53.37	48.97
Canada $	2.252	2.072
Cyprus Cypf.	0.778	0.728
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.37
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.45
France Fr	8.84	8.14
Germany Dm	2.59	2.38
Greece Dr	388.00	363.00
Hong Kong $	12.85	11.85
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.98
Italy Lira	2575.00	2429.00
Japan Yen	173.00	156.00
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.883	2.653
Norway Kr	11.21	10.41
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.49
Spain Pta	210.00	196.00
Sweden Kr	12.31	11.51
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
Turkey Lira	REFER	52800.0
USA $	1.677	1.547

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The applicant named in Box 1 must sign and date Box 4 as well.
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INVESCO Korea Trust plc

PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

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1 PERSONAL DETAILS (PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS AND INSERT ONE LETTER PER BOX)

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Telephone (Home) (Business)

Permanent Address
Postcode

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Dated 13th October, 1994

☐ RJB takes nearly all ☐ Narrow thinking at the IFS ☐ Tax wheeze in danger

Coal baron seizes the throne

☐ THIS was surely not what Cecil Parkinson had in mind. Six years ago, as Energy Secretary, he boasted of the "ultimate privatisation" of British Coal. That invited images of another BT or British Gas, grand corporations reformed, re-invigorated, then sold to millions of citizens and hundreds of thousands of employees. Tim Eggar, his less than visionary successor, is now selling the guts of the British Coal industry to a bluff opencast contractor, who bought himself out of the family business in 1992, ten months before it went bust.

When entrepreneur and amateur racing driver Richard Budge brought his RJB Mining to the stock market in June last year, it was shunned by the public. They had doubts about Mr Budge's other interests but, most of all, they did not fancy the idea of future investments in cast-off British Coal pits. The shares, sold at 250p, ended their first day's trading at 234p.

By this summer, the breezy Mr Budge had taken over the odd redundant pit, bought a Durham rival and acquired a coking business from ICI for £5 million. Yesterday, RJB shares were suspended at 348p, valuing it a mite short of £160 million.

Mr Budge will win control of nearly all Britain's remaining viable coal pits, largely because RJB was the most solid and substantial company in the running. What had happened? First, selling British Coal to the public was ruled out. Its record was appalling. Even its latest management did not inspire confidence. The industry's profitable rump will generate vast cash flows. This was not the organisation to use them well.

Instead, there would be a trade sale: Britain had a glittering array of candidates. Step forward RTZ and Hanson, world-class coal producers, seemingly kept out of Britain solely by the state monopoly. Step forward BP and Shell, world-class oil and gas groups with immense knowledge of fuel markets. All of them could do with UK profits. But none of them did step forward.

Perhaps politics put them off. Perhaps it was the opposition of Arthur Scargill's NUM or the presence as rival bidder of the rival UDM. More likely, it was coal's dependence on contracts with National Power and PowerGen, contracts that promised high profits for three years but total uncertainty thereafter.

So it was left to present and former coal managers, workers and rough, tough opencast contractors. In the end, the public will buy British Coal after all. RJB's victory is really an expensive management buy-in.

Depending on finance for coal stocks, RJB may need to raise some £600 million. That will require a vast share issue, inviting the public to invest in British Coal more than in RJB. It may prove a short-term proposition. Mr Budge knows a good deal, has the drive to succeed and has kept most of the business together. He and his early backers should turn a pretty penny from the Government's final solution.

Shifting the tax burden

☐ LET'S hope Kenneth Clarke's real Budget is a bit more imaginative than the green version from the Institute of Fiscal Studies. According to the IFS, the Chancellor should not be cutting taxes, nor could he risk raising them to make sure the public do not raid their piggy banks for a spending spree. Amen, say shopkeepers. And if there are to be no great extra imposts or cuts, he is unlikely to indulge in any terribly exciting reforms. Perhaps we should all go to sleep.



The key to the IFS's somnolence lies in the forecasts of its godfather, Goldman Sachs. With steady growth at rates higher than those factored into tax and spending estimates, the public sector borrowing requirement should shrink to below 1 per cent of output by 1998-99. But will this growth occur? And if momentum does keep things going for a few years, will it then come to a juddering halt without risky injections of consumer spending?

The Green Budget analysis might have taken its worries about financial flows in the economy a little further. It is anxious that the private sector is building up an unusually large countervailing surplus. Since much of that is concentrated in individuals' bank accounts, it could unwind in consumer spending that upsets the trade balance for yet another version of "it will all end in tears".

More important, however, are the relationships within the private sector between business and individuals. If the surplus moves from the latter to the former, there is less chance of an upsurge of consumer spending and more chance of investment in expansion to keep growth going by restoring the loss of capacity suffered during recession.

The Chancellor should be busy switching the burden of taxation back from the corporate sector to the personal sector. The IFS does not seem to have made this connection. Its treatment of issues in corporate taxation concentrates on the niceties of the various economic incentives supposedly induced by the corporation tax system. No discussion here of the heavily swollen taxes on business costs. Yet these are the taxes really stifling growth. Perhaps the IFS is merely being realistic. There are no votes in shifting taxes on to voters.

Powering through another loophole

☐ THOSE clever chaps in the City have been hard at work again saving tax. This year's favourite wheeze to test the minds of the Inland Revenue and the patience of the Chancellor involves the regional electricity companies.

Several have been buying back shares from investors to use up their cash in a way that allows the transaction to count as a distribution rather than a capital investment. This has a significant benefit for pension funds, which hold about half the average REC's equity. According to several leading City houses, these gross funds are likely to be entitled to reclaim a 20 per cent tax credit, just as on dividends. As usual, Inland Revenue guidance is non-existent and opinions vary widely over the likelihood of the tax credit's availability. SG Warburg, BZW and others have decided the odds are stacked in favour of the pension funds. Share buy-back deals by three RECs — Northern, London and Midlands — have bought the funds the windfall.

The sums involved are so large that this is costing the Exchequer many millions. No wonder some pension funds have been urged to sell shares even if they do not particularly want to, just to acquire the tax credits. UBS, a dissenting voice among City houses on this, says some funds have been persuaded to sell shares for the credit and then buy back through the market. Result: same shareholding, minimal effort, but a nice cashable tax credit to fill the coffers.

This sounds too good to be true. After next month's Budget, it probably will be.

Figuring jobs

☐ MORE good news on jobs. Up to a point. There are fewer jobless but also fewer jobs. In the year to June, the latest comparison for employment figures, official unemployment fell by 272,000. But total employment fell 9,000 as well. Women staying at home? Not quite. Male unemployment fell 217,000 but male employment or self-employment by 44,000. Sadly, the rest did not all win the pools.

Chelsfield raises stake in Merry Hill to 90%

BY CARL MORTISHED

CHELSFIELD, the property group headed by Elliott Bernerd, is taking financial control of the Merry Hill centre, in Dudley, West Midlands, and has filed planning bids which could transform it into one of the largest shopping centres in the country.

Chelsfield plans a 650,000 sq ft extension to the centre which has hitherto been blamed for taking retail business away from Dudley's town centre. The property group, which paid £121 million for Merry Hill in September last year said that it would invest a further £100 million in the development which would create 2,000 permanent new jobs.

The property group, which was floated on the market in December last year, has increased its equity interest in the centre from 50 per cent to 90 per cent at a price which values Merry Hill at £200 million, a 40 per cent increase on the original purchase price. Chelsfield is paying £27 million to its Saudi Arabian joint venture partners who backed the original purchase. The Merry Hill Centre was bought from the receivers of Mountleigh Group, and Chelsfield's original 25 per cent stake rose to 50 per cent in May at a cost of £7 million.

Mr Bernerd said the deal would enhance Chelsfield earnings next year by consolidating the investment in Chelsfield's balance sheet. "We will be able to capture £100 million of tax allowances," he said. Incorporating the asset into the accounts would increase Chelsfield's gearing to 110 per cent but would increase net cash flow and interest cover.

Chelsfield has gathered local support for the scheme and hopes that backing from Dudley will persuade the Environment Secretary not to interfere in the planning process. Recent changes to planning guidelines require that the effects of out-of-town schemes on retailing in town centres must be considered. Viv Astling, chief executive of Dudley Council said that the proposals would be discussed over the next few weeks but added: "Chelsfield's intention to invest £100 million in the borough is very welcome and could create a substantial number of local jobs." Mr Bernerd said that 25 million people visit the centre: "We are responding to a considerable demand from retailers."

Chelsfield's total investment to date in Merry Hill, including yesterday's deal, amounts to £48 million and the company will be consolidating some £111 million of borrowings, but Mr Bernerd said that the debt remained non-recourse to Chelsfield while the company's rent roll would double as a result of the deal.

Chelsfield's proposals include a major department store and a food court in the extension, including 5,000 extra car spaces. The company has also agreed to give £1.5 million for improvements to the A4036, which runs next to the centre. Tempus, page 28

Lloyds Chemists climbs 17%

LLOYDS Chemists, the pharmaceutical wholesaler and retailer, yesterday beat even the most optimistic City expectations with a 17 per cent rise in profits and unveiled plans for further expansion on the high street (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The group, which is Britain's second biggest chemist behind Boots, increased pre-tax profits to £58.3 million from £49.7 million in the year to June 6. Excluding a one-off gain on disposals, profits rose 12 per cent.

Allen Lloyd, chairman, said all the divisions had increased profits. The retail division made good progress with all the chains producing solid like-for-like sales growth. The star performer was the Holland & Barrett health food chain which lifted like-for-like sales by 6 per cent. Mr Lloyd said the business had benefited from more competitive prices.

Mr Lloyd said the group plans to open about 100 stores in the current year at a total cost of about £20 million, funded from cash flow.

Trading in the current year has started well with overall sales up by 19 per cent in the first 13 weeks. A final dividend of 6.8p (5.25p) brings the total to 9.5p (7.25p). Tempus, page 28

ROBIN MAYES



Garry Hawkes, chief executive, at Lord's Cricket Ground, where the company has a contract

Appetiser for Gardner flotation

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

GARDNER Merchant, Europe's largest caterer, underlined its intention to float on the stock market with a 14 per cent jump in interim profits.

The company had considered a flotation this autumn, but this did not prove possible, both because of market conditions and because of the $100 million purchase of Morrisons, in the US, since the half-year end.

"The next window for consideration would be next spring, among other options," said Garry Hawkes, the chief executive. Gardner Merchant has attracted takeover approaches from other catering groups such as Granada.

Profits rose to £26.9 million, before interest and tax, in the half year to July 31. That reflected 9 per cent growth in turnover, to £556 million, and an improvement in margins across the group, from 4.6 to 4.8 per cent.

During the half year, excluding the effects of acquisitions, Gardner Merchant achieved a net gain of 175 new contracts worldwide.

The company was a £402 million management buy-out from Forte in January last year. The buyout was backed by CINVen, the venture capital arm of the coal board pension fund. Forte retains a 24.6 per cent stake.



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More US hospital groups to merge

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

ONE week after America's two largest hospital companies announced a merger, two more big chains are to join to create the country's second-largest hospital group. National Medical Enterprises agreed to buy the smaller American Medical Holdings, in a $3.3 billion deal in cash, shares and debt.

The new company's combined 71 hospitals are mainly large, full-service, urban facilities — ideal for competing for contracts with managed care health plans, which demand lower costs. It will have revenues of more than $5 billion.

Last week, Columbia/HCA Healthcare bought Healthtrust for $5.4 billion, creating a chain with 170,000 workers, 311 hospitals and $15 billion annual revenues. In August, Eli Lilly bought PCS Health Systems, America's largest pharmacy benefits manager, for $4 billion.

Although management at National Medical recently proclaimed itself interested in mergers, the latest move took some observers by surprise; as the firm had appeared up until now to be spending all of its energies fighting off accusations of fraud. National Medical allegedly indulged in bribery, deliberate overcharging and over-treatment of patients in its psychiatric hospitals.

Jeffrey Barbakow, National Medical's chairman and chief executive officer, said he would continue talks with several other hospital chains aimed at further increasing the size of his company. Earlier attempts to merge with Healthtrust were overtaken by the Columbia/HCA Healthcare bid.

Flood-threat homes face insurance blow

INSURANCE premiums are set to rise by up to 20 per cent in flood-threatened areas of the English and Welsh coastlines, according to the Association of British Insurers. The increases will follow publication this week of a report on the security of Britain's coastlines which the ABI describes as the "biggest ever" project of its kind (Liz Dolan writes).

The £500,000 investigation, which took the ABI 18 months, discovered that, while most defences are stronger than originally feared, some areas are more vulnerable than expected by previous studies. Parts of Humberside, North Wales, the Severn estuary and the south Kent coastline are among those particularly at risk, Tony Baker, the association's deputy director-general, said.

Scotland was not included in the survey as it is higher than the rest of Britain and less likely to suffer as badly from flooding by the sea. However, homes on some estuaries, notably the Clyde, are considered vulnerable, and are likely to be the subject of a subsequent ABI investigation.



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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Inflation slowdown puts shares back above 3,100

GOOD news on the inflation front helped settle City nerves and sent bonds racing away, with share prices breaching the 3,100 level for the first time in a month.

News that the annual rate of inflation had slowed during September to 2.2 per cent was just the tonic investors had been searching for. Prices were squeezed sharply higher — initiated by Wall Street's 50-point rise overnight — as worries about a further rise in interest rates receded. As if to hammer home the point, Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, expressed the view that the bond market was exaggerating the pace of inflation and the size of rate rises required to keep it under control.

The FT-SE 100 index finished a shade below its best with a rise of 27.5 points to 3,100.5. This was the market's fifth consecutive day of gains that have lifted it 150 points.

Celebrating its second anniversary, the FT-SE Mid 250 index jumped 28.4 to 3,535.3. Since its launch on October 12, 1992, it has risen more than 46 per cent and outperformed the FT-SE 100 by more than 26 per cent. Market turnover was also better, with 732 million shares changing hands. But conditions were described as thin.

VSEL leapt 78p to £13.10 as British Aerospace finally unveiled details of its agreed £478 million. BAe is offering 2.7 of its own shares, valuing every VSEL share at £12.60. There is a cash alternative of £11.40. Despite VSEL closing above the terms from BAe, brokers were last night ruling out the possibility of a counter-bid from **GEC**, up 8p at 297p. **BAe** climbed 16p to 475p. Also in the defence sector, **Smiths Industries** jumped 12p to 434p before figures next week.

There was further excitement among cidermakers. Matthew Clark, the drinks group, is paying £109 million for Gaymer Group. The deal is being partly funded by a three-for-five rights issue at 500p, raising almost £65 million. The vendors are also accepting 9.5 million new shares in Matthew Clark amounting to 20.7 per cent of the enlarged company. **Matthew Clark** ended 36p down at 589p. The development also dragged shares of the other cider makes lower. **HP Bulmer** fell 10p to 423p, **Merrydown**, 1p to 115p, and **Taunton**, 6p at 163p. The growth potential for cellular telephone operators continues to excite investors, with **Vodafone** climbing 13p to 217½p. There were also gains for **Securicor**, 18p better at £14.63. Securicor has a stake in the Cellnet venture together with BT. Associate **Security Services** was 35p stronger at 780p. **BT** firmed a further 1p to 396½p after publication of a bullish circular from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker.

Cable and Wireless, which includes the Mercury telecom system, hardened 5p to 421p. The group's 57 per cent owned subsidiary Hong Kong Telecom has confirmed details of a joint venture to open up the Chinese mainland. The Chinese want to increase the number of telephone lines from 30 million to 110 million during the next decade.

Reuters firmed 13p to 458p after giving a presentation for brokers on Tuesday night. With quarterly figures due at the end of the month, the group refused to discuss numbers. As one of the biggest suppliers of trading screens to securities houses, it indicated that a strong year-end finish by share prices would also be reflected in group profits.

Dealers reported a clamour for shares in the building sector as the short-term outlook for interest rates improved. There were gains for **Barratt Developments**, 4p to 187p, **Banner Homes**, 11p to 129p, **Higgs & Hill**, 7p to 95p, **John Laing**, 10p to 230p ex-dividend, **BPB Industries**, 8p to 320p, **Blue Circle Industries**, 13p to 289p, **Norcros**, 12p to 136p, **RMC Group**, 23p to 967p, and **Wolseley**, 14p to 744p.

LLoyds Chemists climbed 9p to 292p after exceeding market expectations with a 17 per cent increase in full year pretax profits to £58.3 million. **Boots** responded to the positive news with a rise of 12p to 524p.

Amersham International edged towards the £10 level with a rise of 52p to 995p as brokers continued to reflect on this week's acquisition of a 20 per cent stake in Nihon-Medi Physics, the Japanese radiopharmaceutical manufacturer, for £55 million.

Bid talk lifted **Alfred McAlpine**, the construction group, 15p to 226p in a thin market where dealers will normally only make a price in 10,000 shares at a time. By the close of business about 200,000 had changed hands. Speculators are talking of an agreed offer from rival **Amec**, down 3p at 106p.

Shares of **RJB Mining** were suspended at 348p as it emerged that the company had been selected by the Government as the preferred bidder for three of British Coal's five regions Central North, Central South and North East. The group has also been chosen to run two of the seven care and maintenance collieries. **Waverly Mining**, which owns 30 per cent of the succesful Mining (Scotland) consortium, jumped 11p to 92p, while **Coal Investments** dropped 20p to 118p after announcing the need to raise extra funds.

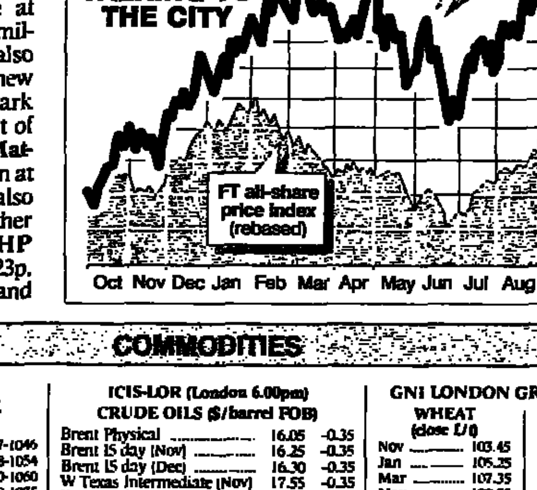
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts enjoyed new support on the back of the better than expected inflation news. Firmer overseas bond markets and some encouraging words on inflation from the Bank of England Governor enabled prices to close near their best. The December Long Gilt finished £9/16 better at £101 11/32 as the number of contracts completed soared to 79,000. In longs Treasury 9 per cent 2,012 rose £25/32 to £104⅛, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £⅜ better at £103 19/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares showed modest losses at midday, with blue chips caught in a tight band awaiting inflation figures today and tomorrow. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.02 at 3,874.81.



Cellular telephones continue to give investors a buzz

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionary and soft drinks group, stood out with a jump of 6p at 450p in spite of going ex-dividend as around 4.5 million shares changed hands. Brokers yesterday paid a visit to the group's Trebor Bassett division, famous for its liquorice allsorts, and were clearly impressed.



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New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3874.81 (-2.02)
S&P Composite 465.74 (-0.05)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 20089.72 (+268.26)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9532.35 (+170.03)

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FT 100	3100.5 (+27.5)
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FT Fixed Interest	107.76 (+0.16)
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Border TV	183p (+14p)
Granada	516p (+12p)
Norcros	136p (+12p)
Carlton Comm	846p (+11p)
Westbury	165p (+11p)

FALLS:

HP Bulmer	423p (-10p)
Matthew Clark	589p (-36p)

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TEMPUS

When the boat comes in

THE bid for VSEL offers British Aerospace shareholders one crumb of comfort for sticking with the shares. Financial deficit over three years means that BAe has accumulated a useful pile of losses with which to protect its purchase of VSEL from tax. After all the guff about prime contractors, MoD strategy and the market for warships, the logic for this deal is truly financial. Deficits and the disposal of Rover has caused BAe's balance sheet to shrink just as it is arguing that it has the strength to be a lead contractor for the MoD.

VSEL offers pounds and pence as well as a shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness. Consolidating VSEL will bring BAe the aerospace group enough cash to reduce gearing to a mere 10 per cent, while boosting shareholders' funds by £273 million. All of that would have been impossible without the promise of tax-free profits which ensure that BAe's tax charge will drop by 8 points while earnings in 1995 will see an uplift of some 13 per cent. Indeed, without a break from the tax man BAe could not have seriously contemplated paying a 30 per cent premium for VSEL.

Mergers founded on financial consideration are likely to have a short shelf life, which leaves BAe investors clutching at the promise of synergies and the imaginative leap needed to view it as a supplier of air, sea and land weapons worldwide. BAe spruces up the bullish scenario with hopes of Trafalgar submarine and frigate contracts from the MoD and sweeping forecasts of world demand for 1,000 ships worth £112 billion. Investors who are less confident can still hope that GEC will end up pocketing the unused tax losses with a bid for BAe.

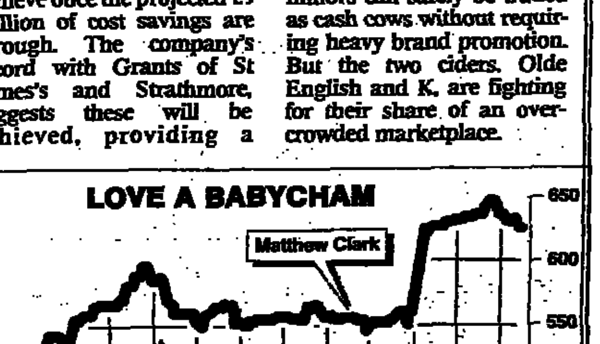
Matthew Clark

MATTHEW Clark should certainly have wrested a good deal out of the venture capitalists who sold it Gaymers, because the latter were very much forced sellers, whose main concern was not to exit covered in too much red ink from a failed management buy-out.

The banks just about emerged with their reputations intact. The initial deal, which put a £140 million price on Gaymer, does not strictly compare with the £109 million Clark is paying because of a £10 million loan from Allied that will not have to be repaid; and £13 million of dividends received since. But the management changes since the buyout meant the initial plan, a flotation, would have been difficult, even without the current market instability.

Clark is paying about 10 times' earnings, both on a historic basis, stripped of one-offs, and in terms of what the company can achieve once the projected £9 million of cost savings are through. The company's record with Grants of St James's and Strathmore, suggests these will be achieved, providing a healthy earnings boost after reorganisation costs.

The only doubt must be over the brands acquired. Babycham and the other minors can safely be traded as cash cows without requiring heavy brand promotion. But the two ciders, Olde English and K, are fighting for their share of an overcrowded marketplace.



Lloyds Chemists

STRONG profits growth has so far failed to lift shares in Lloyds Chemists, which remain at a substantial discount to the sector. Suspicion that growth has been driven solely by acquisitions continues to dog the shares and failure to make the underlying trends clear has not helped. But these results should start to lay some fears to rest.

Excluding one-off items, underlying profits rose by a robust 12 per cent, suggesting that there is considerable organic growth potential in the business after all. That organic growth may not be coming from the core chemists chain, but there is clearly plenty of scope elsewhere.

The wholesaling business continues to deliver extraordinary, double-digit sales rises, and on the retailing side, Holland & Barrett is looking increasingly promising. With aggressive expansion in the pipeline, Lloyds looks capable of delivering above-average earnings per share and dividend growth. Allen Lloyd, the chairman, insists that the group can carry out its expansion plans without recourse to the equity market. However, doubts may remain in some quarters, which could hold back the shares slightly. Even so, they should outperform.

Chelsfield

CHELSFIELD was always going to be about deals rather than long-term investment, and yesterday's increase in the company's stake in Merry Hill proved that quick money can be made even in sluggish markets. The value of the Dudley shopping centre has soared from £123 million to £200 million in a year and rent reviews under way could take it higher still.

Chelsfield has had to pay escalating prices for ever-bigger pieces of the Merry Hill cake and yesterday's deal with the company's Saudi friend values Merry Hill on an aggressive 6 per cent yield. Forecast rent increases boost the yield on Chelsfield's investment to 8 per cent.

A successful planning application would improve the valuation further but Chelsfield is entering a potential minefield. Local support from Dudley reduces the chances that the application will be called in by the Secretary of State, but town centre, rather than out-of-town, development is the fashion and if opposition emerged from other centres such as Wolverhampton or West Bromwich, there could be problems.

Financing raises further questions. Chelsfield's debt-to-equity ratio rises to 110 per cent after consolidating Merry Hill's borrowings. Developing a further 650,000 sq ft could cost the company some £80 million.

Shareholders should not be surprised if a go-ahead on planning is followed by another Merry Hill deal.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	936-935	Mar	1047-1046
Mar	970-969	May	1058-1054
May	983-981	Jul	1070-1060
Jul	996-994	Sep	1080-1075
Sep	1008-1007		
Dec	1027-1026	Volume: 2430	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3565-3560	Jul	3410-3400
Jan	3525-3530	Sep	3390-3380
Mar	3455-3450	Nov	3410-3390
May	3430-3420	Volume: 4058	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	326.0-25.1
Spot: 334.5		Oct	311.9-09.8
Dec	329.5-28.0	Dec	311.7-07.8
Mar	327.3-26.1	Mar	313.2-07.3
May	326.7-25.6	Volume: 825	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	75.94	90.35	115.49
(+/-)	+0.57	-0.06	+0.84
Eng/Wales:	75.66	89.44	114.61
(+/-)	+0.24	-1.01	+1.15
(%)	+10.0	+31.0	+2.0
Scotland:	77.62	94.39	119.08
(+/-)	+2.53	+4.12	-0.47
(%)	+5.0	+26.0	-16.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.05	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.25	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.30	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.55	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.65	-0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 172 (-1)	O: 175 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	152 (-3)	153 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Nov	154 (-5)	156 (-5)
Non EEC 1H Dec	155 (-5)	158 (-4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	92 (n/c)	94 (n/c)
Naphtha	170 (n/c)	172 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	150.50-50.75	Feb	156.25-56.50
Dec	152.75-53.00	Mar	156.00-56.25
Jan	155.00-55.25	Vol: 24623	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.24-16.25	Feb	16.38 SLR
Dec	16.27-16.28	Mar	16.33 SLR
Jan	16.32 SLR	Vol: 40956	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	103.45	Nov	102.00
Jan	105.25	Jan	104.50
Mar	107.35	Mar	106.50
May	109.55	May	108.50
Jul	111.20	Sep	95.00
Volume: 651		Volume: 10	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	221.0	223.5
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 118

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 87.75-88.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1840	1820	1832
Nov 94	1830	1790	1800
Dec 94	1805	1790	1789
Jan 95	1765	1735	1735
Vol: 341 lots		Open interest: 2992	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2498.0-2498.5	2497.0-2498.0	1205725
Lead ($/tonne)	631.00-632.00	645.00-646.00	143125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1037.0-1038.0	1059.5-1060.0	556275
Tin ($/tonne)	5290.0-5295.0	5385.0-5386.0	18470
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1630.0-1630.5	1649.0-1649.5	1080150
Nickel ($/tonne)	6565.0-6570.0	6675.0-6680.0	97092

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom.	540	45	—	—	1½	—	—
(*581)	580	8	—	—	15	—	—
Argyll	260	10½	19	26½	4½	13½	19
(*265)	280	3	10½	17	18	27	31
ASDA	60	4	7	8½	1½	4	5½
(*62½)	70	1	3	4½	9	10	11½
Boots	500	29½	40½	52	3	11½	20½
(*525)	550	2½	15½	28½	28½	40	46
Br Airways	360	26	36½	47	2	12½	18½
(*382)	390	6	20½	31	13	27	31½
BP	420	7½	22½	32½	8	19½	26
(*420)	460	1	7	15	42	46	50½
Br Steel	160	9½	15½	22	2	7	9½
(*167)	180	1½	6½	13	14½	18	20½
C & W	420	12	31½	42½	9	25	31
(*421)	460	2	14½	27	41½	50	54½
CU	543	17½	37½	47	5½	17½	30
(*553½)	592	1	15	24	41½	47	60½
ICI	800	25	52½	67	8	26½	45
(*814½)	850	4	27½	43	40	54½	73
Kingfshr	460	44½	59	72	1½	8½	17
(*499½)	500	13½	30½	47	11	26½	33½
Land Sec	600	18½	31	43½	4½	16	21½
(*613)	650	1½	11½	20½	39½	48	51
M & S	390	31	38½	48½	1½	6½	11
(*418½)	420	7½	20½	30½	8	18½	23
Nat West	460	40½	54	63	1½	9½	22
(*497)	500	9	29½	39	12	25½	40½
Sainsbury	390	18½	32	44	4	16	22
(*403½)	420	4	16½	27½	20½	33½	35
Shell	700	31½	50	60	2½	13	24½
(*726)	750	3	22	32	28	36½	51
Smkl Bch	420	19½	32½	43	4	16	24
(*434)	460	2½	14½	24	29	39	46½
Storehse	200	11½	17½	22½	2	7	12½
(*208)	220	2	8	12½	14½	18½	24
Trafalgar	80	7	11	13½	1½	4½	6
(*85)	90	2	6	8½	6½	9½	12
Unilever	1100	41	64	84	5	25½	43½
(*1129½)	1150	9	36½	56	28	51	68½
Zeneca	800	22	49	61	9	26½	44
(*810)	850	3½	25	36½	43½	55	72
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met.	390	36½	43½	50	4½	14	16½
(*416½)	420	15	25	33	15½	28½	31
Ladbroke	140	21	26½	29	2	4½	7½
(*156½)	160	7½	14½	18	9	13	17
Utd Bisc	300	18	28	33	6½	11	19½
(*308½)	330	5	14½	18	26	28	38

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	500	13	26	36½	6	17	22½
(*505)	525	3½	14	24½	25	32	36
Thames W	500	25	35½	47½	4	19	23
(*519)	550	2½	13½	25	34	48	51
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	37½	49	56	5	12	22
(*447)	460	11½	25½	33	23	30	43
BTR	300	23	33	37	4½	9	15
(*317)	330	6	16½	21	18½	24	31
Br Aero	460	27½	47	56	16½	27½	36½
(*470)	500	9	28	37½	40	49½	59½
Br Telcm	390	16½	23½	30	7	17	20½
(*396½)	420	4½	10½	16½	26½	36½	39
Cadbury	420	37½	47½	53	3	7½	15½
(*449½)	460	11	23½	29½	18½	24½	34½
Guinness	420	43	53	59½	3	7½	14½
(*459½)	460	13½	27	34	16	23	31½
GEC	280	21½	26½	32½	3	7½	10
(*296)	300	9	15	21	10	16½	19½
Hanson	220	15	18½	21½	3½	8	11½
(*229½)	240	4½	8½	12½	14	19½	22½
LASMO	154	8	—	—	9	—	—
(*154)	180	2	5½	8½	28½	30½	32
Lucas	180	18	22	26	4	8	12
(*195½)	200	6	11½	16½	15	18½	23
Pilkingtn	180	13	16½	22½	4½	8½	12
(*187)	200	3½	7½	13	16½	21	23½
Prudential	300	23½	32	35½	4½	9½	16
(*316)	330	6½	15½	19½	19	24	32½
Redland	460	30	45	53½	7½	15½	29½
(*478)	500	10½	24½	33	29	35½	52½
Royal Ins	280	22½	31½	38	7	13½	19
(*293)	300	12	31½	27½	16½	22½	29
Tesco	220	22	28	33	3	6½	11
(*236½)	240	8	16	21½	11	16	20
Vodafone	200	21	26½	32½	3½	7½	11
(*216)	217	10	17	—	9½	15½	—
Williams	325	17½	—	—	6	—	—
(*334)	354	4½	—	—	24	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3098½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Oct	159	113	70	37	17	6
Nov	184	144	108	78	55	37
Dec	204	169	135	106	81	60
Jan	230	193	162	132	107	86
Jun	—	267	—	206	—	160
Puts						
Oct	4	8	18	37	67	101
Nov	25	34	48	69	96	128
Dec	42	56	73	94	120	148
Jan	57	71	89	109	134	163
Jun	—	117	—	155	—	209

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat.	390	35	42½	47	7½	18½	23½
(*410½)	420	16	26	31	21	34	39
Amstrad	25	3	4	5	2½	3½	4
(*25½)	30	1½	2	3	6½	7	7½
Barclays	590	35½	48½	55½	16	30	35½
(*561½)	600	13	25	32½	46	58½	64
Blue Circ	280	22½	29½	36	9	13	33½
(*289)	300	11½	19½	26½	19½	23½	34
Br Gas	300	12½	20	24½	15½	19	25½
(*302)	330	4	9	12	37½	39½	45
Dixons	180	19½	23½	29	7	12	15
(*190)	200	9½	14	19	17½	23	26
Forte	220	22½	28½	32	5	8½	13
(*234)	240	10½	16½	21½	14	17½	23½
Hillsdwn	160	15½	20½	23	4½	8	12
(*170½)	180	5½	10½	13	15½	18	24
Lonrho	140	11	14½	17½	6½	10½	12½
(*142½)	160	3½	6½	9	20	23½	24½
Sears	100	9½	12	14	4	5½	7½
(*105½)	110	4½	7	8½	8½	11	13½
Thrn Eml	1000	46½	62	84½	29	46	54½
(*1004½)	1050	23	39	61	58½	74½	92
Tomkins	200	20½	26	31½	5½	9	12
(*212)	220	10½	15½	21½	14½	19	22½
TSB	200	26	29	32½	3½	8	11
(*219)	220	12½	16½	21	11	17	20½
Wellcome	650	51½	70	85	23	35½	49
(*672)	700	26½	45½	60	49½	61½	74½
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	46½	65	76	2½	15	26½
(*591)	600	11	39½	48	19	36	50
HSBC	700	35½	64½	77½	2	28	49
(*724½)	750	9½	38½	52	33	54	77
Reuter	462½	14½	—	—	7	—	—
(*468½)	475	8½	—	—	13½	—	—
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	180	12½	19	23	5½	9½	14½
(*185)	200	4	10½	14	17½	21½	25½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	9	13½	16	7	9½	12
(*111½)	120	5	9	12	14	16	18
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	700	55	72½	87½	13	29½	35½
(*737½)	750	29½	44½	61½	34	49½	59½
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	41½	54	63½	11	17	25½
(*490)	500	18	31½	42	28½	35	44½
Scot Pwr	330	39	45½	53	8½	16½	17
(*355)	360	22	29½	37	22	30	31

October 12, 1994 Tot: 48597 Call: 29709 Put: 18888 FT-SE Call: 8307 Put: 8348
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3097.0	3127.0	3095.0	3114.0	14971
Previous open interest: 57384	Mar 95				3138.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.43	93.58	93.42	93.55	47515
Previous open interest: 481743	Mar 95	92.63	92.83	92.62	92.79	48771
	Jun 95	91.98	92.22	91.98	92.17	15658
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	94.04	94.04	94.04	94.03	300
Previous open interest: 4148	Mar 95				93.65	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.68	94.71	94.67	94.70	23167
Previous open interest: 703960	Mar 95	94.32	94.37	94.30	94.36	23510
Long Gilt	Dec 94	100-18	101-15	100-17	101-11	79657
Previous open interest: 91245	Mar 95				100-14	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	106.91	107.04	106.82	106.96	2602
	Mar 95				106.23	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	89.41	89.55	89.16	89.42	129045
Previous open interest: 164221	Mar 95	88.60	88.75	88.50	88.62	464
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.67	93.75	93.66	93.74	1253
Previous open interest: 19005	Mar 95	93.17	93.26	93.16	93.24	1305
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.67	95.73	95.67	95.69	4302
Previous open interest: 46137	Mar 95	95.32	95.37	95.29	95.35	3825
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	97.85	98.83	97.76	98.62	38219
Previous open interest: 62921	Mar 95	97.75	97.75	97.75	97.82	100

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼ ; 3 mth 5⅜ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅜ ; 3 mth: 5⅝ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5½-5⅜	5½-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	6⅛-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5⅜	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5⅝-5⅛	5⅝-5⅜	5⅞-5⅜	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 5¾ close 5

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅝	6⅛	7
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	7-6⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.08	n/a	5.52	5.72	6.27
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	6⅛-6⅝	7⅛-6⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	5¼-4⅞	5⅝-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	4⅞-3¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4⅞	5-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝	5⅝-5⅝	5⅛-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅜	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $388.10-388.50 Close: $388.30-388.80 High: $388.30-388.80
Low: $386.90-387.40 AM: $388.20 PM: $387.90
Krugerrand: $388.00-390.00 (£245.00-247.00)
Platinum: $417.10 (£263.75) Silver: $5.51 (£3.495) Palladium: $152.40 (£96.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7283-2.7347	2.7303-2.7337	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Brussels	50.13-50.28	50.14-50.25	5-3pr	10-5pr
Copenhagen	9.5460-9.5730	9.5510-9.5660	⅛-⅜ds	⅜-1⅛ds
Dublin	1.0090-1.0130	1.0093-1.0120	4-1pr	6-2pr
Frankfurt	2.4368-2.4423	2.4377-2.4409	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛pr
Lisbon	248.91-249.77	249.00-249.64	90-110ds	240-280ds
Madrid	202.30-202.68	202.38-202.68	34-42ds	105-117ds
Milan	2475.50-2483.50	2477.90-2481.90	7-9ds	15-20ds
Montreal	2.1259-2.1323	2.1259-2.1303	0.12-0.04pr	0.22-0.12pr
New York	1.5800-1.5820	1.5810-1.5820	0.05-0.03pr	0.11-0.08pr
Oslo	10.6110-10.6390	10.6200-10.6360	⅛-⅜ds	2-3⅛ds
Paris	8.3360-8.3550	8.3390-8.3530	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅜-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.7020-11.7470	11.7210-11.7450	1⅞-2⅛ds	6⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	157.56-158.13	157.86-158.13	⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.14-17.20	17.16-17.20	1⅛-⅜pr	4-3pr
Zurich	2.0329-2.0375	2.0339-2.0369	⅛-⅜pr	1⅛-⅜pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3564-1.3583
Austria	10.84-10.85
Belgium (Com)	31.72-31.76
Canada	1.3471-1.3476
Denmark	6.0390-6.0420
France	5.2760-5.2770
Germany	1.5410-1.5420
Hong Kong	7.7275-7.7285
Ireland	1.5655-1.5665
Italy	1566.5-1567.5
Japan	99.80-99.85
Malaysia	2.5710-2.5720
Netherlands	1.7264-1.7274
Norway	6.7175-6.7195
Portugal	157.55-157.65
Singapore	1.4822-1.4832
Spain	128.00-128.05
Sweden	7.4023-7.4123
Switzerland	1.2853-1.2858

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5783-1.5810
Australia dollar	2.1453-2.1496
Bahrain dinar	0.590-0.602
Brazil real*	1.3173-1.3214
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	7.4745-7.5905
Greece drachma	369.25-376.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.2210-12.2304
India rupee	49.09-50.05
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4655-0.4755
Malaysia ringgit	4.0660-4.0702
Mexico peso	5.3-5.4
New Zealand dollar	2.6136-2.6196
Pakistan rupee	47.93 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8695-5.9955
Singapore dollar	2.3441-2.3464
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3840-6.4355
S Africa rand (com)	5.6460-5.6544
U A E dirham	5.743-5.867

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,000	Legal & Gn	1,800
ASDA Gp	5,500	Lloyds Bk	2,300
Abbey Natl	2,600	MEPC	528
Allied Dom	898	Marks Spr	4,300
Argyll Gp	2,600	NatWst Bk	4,600
Arjo Wiggn	2,400	Nat Power	1,800
AB Foods	1,500	Nth Wst W	665
BAA	1,100	P & O	1,600
BAT Inds	6,800	Pearson	660
BOC	1,500	PowerGen	1,900
BP	8,800	Prudential	2,900
BTR	5,900	RMC	244
BT	13,000	RTZ	1,300
Bk of Scot	1,200	Rank Org	1,500
Barclays	5,800	Reckitt Col	1,200
Bass	1,300	Redland	1,500
Blue Circle	3,700	Reed Intl	2,700
Boots	3,100	Rentokil	658
Bowater	3,500	Reuters	5,000
Brit Aero	12,000	Rolls Royce	3,400
Brit Airwys	6,800	Ryl Ins	4,100
Brit Gas	16,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500
Brit Steel	9,900	Sainsbury	2,600
Burmah Cast	403	Schroders	134
Cable Wire	13,000	Scot & New	2,900
Cadbury	4,500	Scot Power	1,800
Caradon	1,800	Sears	1,800
Carlton Cms	811	Svrn Trent	1,000
Cm Union	2,000	Shell Trans	3,600
Courtaulds	700	Siebe	1,300
De La Rue	500	SmKl Bch	3,500
Eastern Elec	645	Smith Nph	1,000
Enterpr Oil	1,300	Southern Elec	523
Forte	3,800	Std Chartd	3,300
GKN	1,800	Sun Allnce	4,300
GRE	3,700	TI Gp	1,700
GUS	1,000	TSB	2,000
Gen Acc	1,900	Tesco	3,200
Gen Elec	7,400	Thames W	1,500
Glaxo	6,800	Thrn EMI	1,400
Granada	1,800	Tomkins	1,400
Grand Met	2,800	Unilever	1,200
Guinness	2,000	Utd Bisc	721
HSBC	4,000	Vodafone	11,000
Hanson	11,000	Warburg	1,100
ICI	3,700	Wellcome	681
Inchcape	3,000	Whitbread	984
Kingfisher	1,200	Wlims Hld	1,200
Ladbroke	2,700	Wolseley	2,300
Land Secs	1,100	Zeneca	4,600

WALL STREET

	Oct 12 midday	Oct 11 close
AMP Inc	76½	77½
AMR Corp	51¼	50½
AT & T	53¾	53½
Abbott Labs	31½	31½
Aetna Life	47½	48
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	20
Air Prod & Chem	46½	46
Albertson's	28½	29½
Alcan Aluminium	27½	26½
Alco Standard	60	59½
Allied Signal	35	34½
Alum Co of Am	84½	83½
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7½
Amerada Hess	47½	48½
Amer Brands	35½	36
Amer Cyanamid	99½	99½
Amer El Power	31½	31½
Amer Express	30½	30½
Amer Genl Corp	26½	26½
Amer Home Pr	60½	60½
Amer Intl	89½	89½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	38½	39
Amoco	58½	58½
Anheuser-Busch	51½	52½
Apple Computer	40½	39½
Archer Daniels	26½	26½
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	43½	43½
Asarco	32½	33
Ashland Oil	37½	37
Atl Richfield	101	100½
Auto Data Pro	56½	57
Avery Dennison	35	34½
Avon Products	59½	59½
Baker Hughes	19½	19½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	29½	29½
BankAmerica	45½	45
Bank of NY	30	29½
Bankers Tr NY	65½	65½
Barnett Banks	42½	42½
Bausch & Lomb	38½	39
Baxter Intl	27½	27½
Bectn Dicknsn	47½	47½
Bell Atlantic	51½	51½
BellSouth	53½	54½
Black & Decker	22	21½
Block (H&R)	45	45
Boeing	44½	44½
Boise Cascade	28½	28½
Borden Inc	13½	15½
Bristol Myrs Sq	57½	57½
Browning Ferris	31½	31½
Brunswick	21½	21½
Burlington Nthn	50½	50½
CBS	330½	339
CNA Financial	61½	61½
CPC Intl	51½	50½
CSX	68½	68
Campbell Soup	39½	39½
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cpd Cities ABC	83½	83½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	55½	55½
Central & SW	23½	23½
Champion Intl	38½	38½
Chase Manhat	38½	34½
Chemical Bk	36½	35½
Chevron Corp	42½	42½
Chrysler	47	48½
Chubb Corp	70½	71
Cigna Corp	61½	62½
Citicorp	43½	43
Clorox	53½	52½
Coastal Corp	28	27½
Coca Cola	50½	50½
Colgate-Palmolive	58½	58½
Columbia Gas	26½	26½
Compaq Comp	35½	34½
Comp Ass Int	48½	48½
Conagra	31	31½
Cons Edison	25½	25½
Cons Nat Gas	36½	37½
Cons Rail	51½	50½
Cooper Inds	39½	40
Corning Inc	32	32½
Crown Cork	37½	37½
Dana Corp	26½	26½
Dayton Hudson	79½	79½
Deere	71½	70½
Delta Air Lines	44½	44½
Deluxe Corp	29½	29½
Detroit Edison	25½	25½
Digital Equip	28½	29½
Dillard Dept St	26½	26½
Disney (Walt)	39	39½
Dominion Res	37½	38
Donelley (RR)	31½	31
Dover Corp	56½	56½
Dow Chemical	74½	74½
Dow Jones	29½	29½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Brdstreet	59½	59½
Du Pont	58½	58½
Eastman Kodak	51½	51½
Eaton Corp	49½	49
Emerson Elec	60½	60½
Engelhard Corp	24½	24½

	Oct 12 midday	Oct 11 close
Enron Corp	30½	30½
Entergy	23½	23½
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	58½	59
FMC Corp	62½	62½
FPL Group	32½	33½
Federal Express	64	63½
Fed Nat Mtge	78½	78½
First Chicago	45½	45½
First Interstate	78½	80
First Union Rlty	8	8
Fleet Finl Grp	37½	37½
Fluor Corp	47½	47½
Ford Motor	29½	29½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	48½	47½
Gap Inc Del	39½	34½
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	48½	48½
Gen Mills	56½	56½
Gen Motors	47	46½
Gen Reinsurance	107½	108½
Gen Signal	34	34½
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	75½	76½
Gillette	71½	70½
Glaxo ADR	18½	18½
Goodrich (BF)	42½	42½
Goodyear Tire	34½	34½
Grace (WR)	39½	39½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26	26½
Great Wstn Fin	18½	18½
Halliburton	32	31½
Harcourt General	34½	35
Heinz (HJ)	37½	36½
Hercules	102	102
Hershey Foods	45½	46½
Hewlett Packard	91½	92
Hilton Hotels	58½	57½
Home Depot	43½	44
Homestake Mng	20½	20½
Honeywell	34½	34½
Household Intl	36½	36½
Houston Inds	35½	35½
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	84	84
Illinois Tool	41½	42½
Illinova	20½	19½
INCO	28½	28½
Ingersoll Rand	34½	34½
Inland Steel	38½	38½
Intel Corp	60	60½
IBM	72	71½
Intl Flav & Fr	41½	41½
Intl Paper	76½	77½
James River Va	23½	23½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	52½	52½
Kellogg	58½	57½
Kerr-McGee	46½	46½
Kimberly-Clark	57½	57½
Kmart	16½	16½
Knight-Ridder	50½	50½
Lilly (Eli)	59½	58½
Limited Inc	18½	18½
LIN Brdcstng	137½	136½
Lincoln Nat	36½	36½
Litton	38½	38½
Liz Claiborne	23½	23½
Lockheed	71½	71½
Louisiana Pac	31½	31½
MCI Comm	24½	24½
Marriott Int	28½	28½
Marsh & McLnn	75	75½
Masco Corp	24½	24½
May Dept St	38½	39½
Maytag Corp	16½	16½
McDonalds	28½	28½
McDonnell D	120	119½
McGraw Hill	73	74½
Mead Corp	50½	50½
Medtronic	52½	52½
Mellon Bk	57	57½
Melville Corp	35½	35½
Merck Inc	36½	36½
Merrill Lynch	35	34½
Minnesota Mine	54½	54½
Mobil Corp	80½	80½
Monsanto	77	77½
Morgan (JP)	60½	61
Motorola Inc	53½	54
Natl Medical	15½	15½
Natl Semi	15½	15½
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Int	13½	13½
NBD Bancorp	29½	29½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	43½	43½
Niag Mohawk	13½	13½
Nike B	61½	62
NL Industries	11	11½
Noram Energy	6½	6½
Nordstrom	44½	44½
Norfolk Sthrn	62½	62½
Nthn State Pwr	42½	42½
Norwest Corp	24	23½
Nynex Corp	38½	39
Occidental Pet	20½	20½
Ohio Edison	19	19
Oracle Systems	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	14½	14½

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Owens Corning	31½	31½
PNC Financial	25½	25½
PPG Industries	39½	39½
Paccar Inc	44½	44½
Pacificorp	17½	17½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20½
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	22½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	17½	17½
Panhandle East	23½	23
Parker Hannifin	41½	41½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	51½	51½
Pennzoil	48½	48½
Pepsico	34½	34½
Pfizer	72½	72½
Phelps Dodge	61½	61½
Philip Morris	60½	61½
Phillips Pet	34½	34½
Pitney Bowes	35½	36
Polaroid	35½	35½
PriceCostco	16½	16½
Procter & Gmbl	62½	62½
Providian	31½	31½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	75½	73½
Ralston Purina	40½	40½
Raychem Corp	41½	41½
Raytheon	64½	64½
Reebok Intl	37½	37½
Reynolds Metals	56½	56
Roadway Srvcs	55	54½
Rockwell Intl	36½	35½
Rohm & Haas	58½	59
Royal Dutch	111½	111½
Rubbermaid	26½	26½
Safeco Corp	50½	50
St Paul's Cos	42	42½
Salomon Inc	38½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	14½	14½
Sara Lee Corp	22½	22½
Scecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	70½	70½
Schlumberger	56½	55½
Scott Paper	62½	61½
Seagram	30½	30½
Sears Roebuck	47	47½
Shell Trans	69½	68½
Sherwin Wllms	31½	31½
Skyline Corp	21½	21½
Snap-On-Tools	34½	34½
Southern Co	18½	19
Sthwestern Bell	40½	41½
Sprint Corp	38	38
Stanley Works	40½	40½
Sun Company	30½	30½
Sun Microsys	30½	30½
Suntrust	47½	47½
Supervalu	25½	25½
Sysco Corp	25½	25½
TRW Inc	73½	74
TCC Inds	3	3
Tandem Comp	17½	17½
Tandy Corp	43½	43½
Teledyne	16	16
Temple Inland	53½	53½
Tenneco	44½	44½
Texaco	62	62½
Texas Inst	67½	68
Texas Utilities	33½	33½
Textron	48½	49
Time Warner	37	36½
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	38	37½
Torchmark	42½	42½
Toys R Us	37½	37½
Transamerica	48½	49
Travelers	32½	32½
Tribune	54½	54
Tyco Labs	46½	46½
UST Inc	28½	28½
UAL	85½	84½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	21½	21½
Unilever NV	113½	113½
Union Camp	48½	48½
Union Carbide	32½	32½
Union Pacific	50½	50½
Unisys Corp	11½	11½
USAIR Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	33½	32½
US West	38½	38½
United Tech	64	62½
Unocal Corp	27½	28
Upjohn	33½	33½
VF Corp	49½	48½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	23½
Warner-Lambert	78½	79½
Wells Fargo	147½	147½
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	41½	42½
Whirlpool	53½	52½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	51½	51½
Woolworth	17	17
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42½	41½
Xerox	110½	109½
Yellow Corp	19½	19½



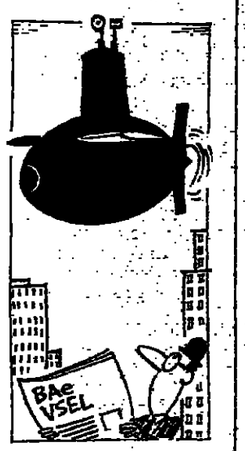
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The doctor fights on

NO SOONER do political party conferences draw to a close than a conference on shareholder rights, with a political smattering, begins. Dr Maurice Gillibrand, well remembered in the Square Mile for his persistent challenging in the late 1980s of Chloride during its troubled times, has organised under the auspices of the UK Shareholders' Association a national conference later this month at which Sir Adrian Cadbury will give the keynote address. Delegates can quiz representatives of the three main political parties on their policies as to how they may affect shareholders, and kick around any other investment-related subject that niggles them. "Increasing anger is being expressed by the public at the lack of accountability of boards of quoted companies," says Dr Gillibrand, who wonders whether legislative reform of the Companies Act is needed to meet the concerns of shareholders. Issues that annoy them include excessive directors' salaries and severance payments, and the difficulty shareholders have in proposing resolutions at annual meetings. Institutional shareholders who too often sit on their annual reports and say nothing at annual meetings also irritate. The pow-wow is being held in York on October 22. The cost, including lunch for two, is £50, and the good doctor can tell you more on 0248-600916.

Dynamic duo

THE oil boffins at Hoare Govett, Nick Antill, 37, and Colin Smith, 34, whose team was number five in the latest Extel survey, are to join BZW. In his time Antill has worked for several brokerage houses, for BP and for the Saudi Arabian State Oil Company. His colleague Smith has seen service with BP, Ultramar and Lasmo. Bill Smith, deputy chief executive of the equities division at BZW, will have at least two reasons to welcome them to BZW in January — he worked with Antill at Pru Bache some years ago, and last year BZW lost its oil team to UBS.



Cementing links

IT HAS taken 522 years, but a Bishop of London has, for the first time, preached at The Worshipful Company of Masons' service of thanksgiving for the craft of stonemasonry in the chapel of Mercers' Hall. The Rt Rev David Hope chose as his text 1 Peter 2 verse 5: "You also, as living stones, must be built up into a spiritual temple." The current Master Mason is one Sydney Mason.

Grand touch

NORMAN Lamont has clearly not lost his old touch. The former Chancellor was up bright and early yesterday to address a meeting hosted by IFA Promotion, an organisation that promotes independent financial advice. Free speech? Not a bit of it. Lamont charged a tidy little £1,000 for his services.

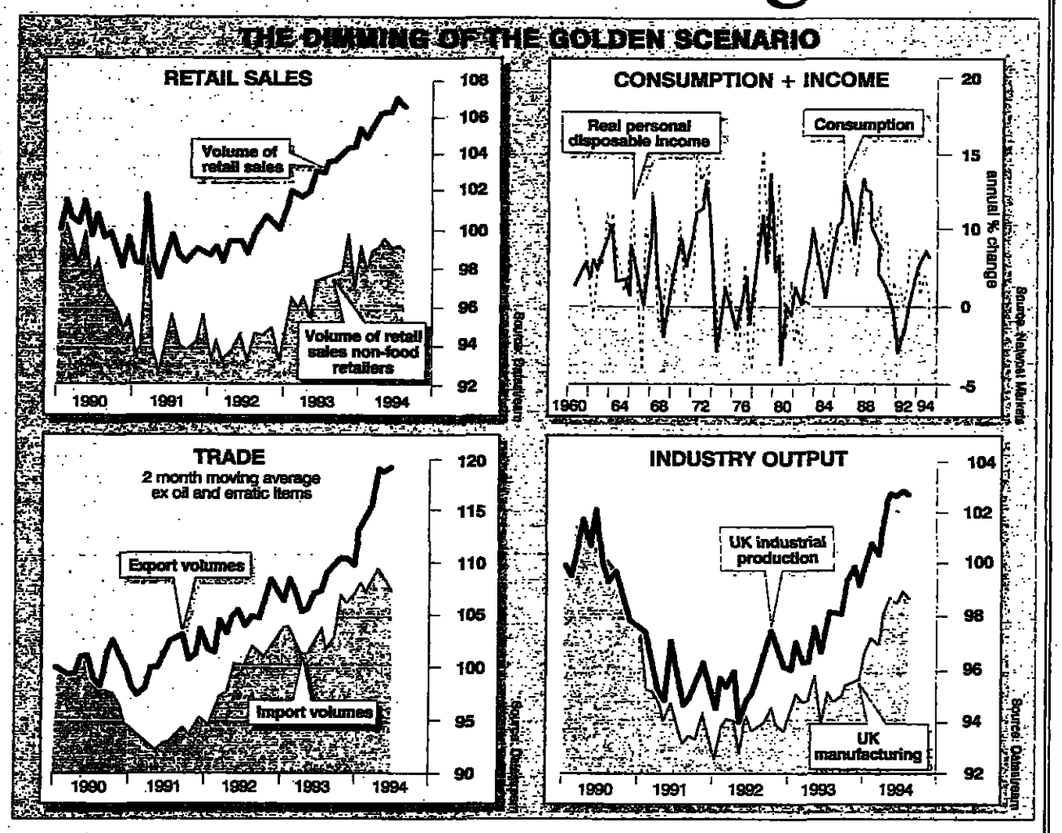
COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW JANET BUSH



Next, he'll be telling us that we've never had it so good

Anecdotal and other evidence suggests there is no mystery to the missing feel-good factor



The phrase "best combination of economic circumstances for a generation" is odds on to turn up in the Chancellor's speech to the Tory conference today. It may not be as pithy as green shoots, back to basics or leaves on the line but it will have just as much potential for prompting national hilarity.

We are told the Government intends to fight Labour on two main issues: Europe and the economy. The first campaign is of debatable electoral value. The Tories have impaled themselves repeatedly on Europe, highlighting party divisions at the same time as over-estimating whether British people care much, or know much, about the issues it has fought so passionately over.

The economy can certainly not be relied on. True, Mr Clarke has a great deal to be grateful for — so far. Growth has been stronger and inflation much lower than expected. What is more, yesterday's retail prices figures showed that fierce, competitive pressures on the high street are still bearing down on prices.

More positive still has been Britain's export performance, largely due to the accident of sterling's large depreciation after its exit from the exchange-rate mechanism. The current account deficit this year may turn out to be less than half of the Government's £9.5 billion projection.

If anything, the balance of growth should become even healthier. Consumption is being reined back, of necessity, because of the imperative to raise taxes to cut the budget deficit. With European economies recovering, British exporters should, in theory, do even better. To professional economists, this mix offers a truly golden scenario.

But there are real risks in managing this bag of goodies. The most obvious one is overestimating inflation and slowing the economy down unnecessarily with higher interest rates. The September base rate rise already looks misjudged. There is also a threat in reining back the consumer too heavy handedly. British companies tend to invest only when they are sure of demand at home and this seems to be the case again this time. For Mr Clarke, an economic rebalancing, however well meaning, is no vote winner.

It is now becoming obvious that consumer demand is slowing under the weight of higher taxes, as *The Times* has consistently argued it would since last November's Budget. City economists and Treasury officials started protesting that April's tax increases were having no effect, days after their implementation. Everybody seems to understand interest rate lags but not the delayed effects of a huge fiscal tightening.

Higher taxes are contributing to falling income. Real personal disposable income fell 1.8 per cent in the second quarter, the biggest quarterly decline since 1981. Wages and salaries, including the armed forces, fell 0.7 per cent.

The impact on consumer spending has been obvious. In the second quarter, spending rose by only 0.2 per cent (nearer to 0.15 per cent before rounding effects). As an example, car sales, dominated in any case by fleet sales rather than personal purchases, have been slackening for months now. Seasonally adjusted sales in the third quarter were 6.5 per cent lower than in the second quarter. Private buyers' purchases were down 4.6 per cent on a year earlier.

Geoffrey Dicks, of Natwest Markets, points to a close correlation between consumption and income and suggests that, if this historical relationship is a good guide, consumption will go negative in the year ahead. His central forecast remains 2 per cent growth in consumption but he does not preclude zero growth.

As worried Tory right-wingers try to bludgeon the Chancellor into tax cuts — and he, today, rightly resists — the programme of tax *increases* already announced is far from over. The new insurance premium tax came in this month and the new duty on foreign air travel will soon follow. In April, the next big hammer hits — the second tranche of VAT on fuel and the restriction of the married couple's allowance and mortgage interest relief to 15 per cent.

Added to this is the parlous state of the housing market — sick even before September's mortgage rate rises. Anybody who bought into the campaign for a home-owning democracy knows that stagnant or falling house prices militate against any feeling of economic well-being.

Last, but not least, contemplate the effect on confidence of job insecurity. Just this week, Reed Personnel Services highlighted the dramatic changes going on in the labour market. The company's Temporary Employment Index for the third quarter rose to its highest level for five years. In contrast, Reed's Permanent Employment Index rose by only 3 points, leaving demand for permanent staff at just over half the 1990 level.

> British companies and consumers don't seem to share the Chancellor's belief in a golden scenario

In the minutes of the September 7 monetary meeting, Eddie George managed to persuade Mr Clarke to raise interest rates because of business surveys and "anecdotal" evidence of price pressures. It is true the CBI reported more manufacturers wanting to put their prices up in August. However, September's proportion was no higher and official statistics continue to suggest that companies are still not able to pass on higher costs.

But the clincher was Mr George's statement that "the Bank's own agents reported increasing signs of price rises being realised". Impressive evidence from the field — until you realise that the Bank only has nine such agents.

There is, in fact, plenty of anecdotal evidence on the ground to dwarf Mr George's little dossier, not least yesterday's RPI figures. Elsewhere, Ford put its workers on short-time working this month to reduce stocks, Nationwide has just sold its estate agency to Hambro Countrywide for £1 and, on Monday, Lucas Industries said it was cutting up to 1,000 jobs.

Mr George has openly acknowledged that he would like consumer demand to slacken and for the economy's firepower to be redirected towards exports and investment. Mr Clarke admits to the medium-term logic of this but will find it ever harder to persuade his backbench colleagues as the election draws closer.

What the Chancellor ought to be more worried about in the short-term is whether exports and investment *can* take up the running. Exports have clearly done very well this year but it is unlikely that the double digit growth figures we have been seeing can be sustained with Britain's major export markets set to grow by only around 6 per cent. Indeed, the latest trade figures show export growth has already decelerated markedly.

On investment, there are tentative signs that manufacturers are beginning to invest more but they have been extremely slow to respond to this year's faster than expected economic growth. In any case, most investment so far has been in cars and computers, upgrading capacity but not adding to it.

Manufacturing capital expenditure rose 3.7 per cent in the second quarter but that was still only 1.5 per cent up on a year ago. Other industries, including services, have invested over the last year but, in the second quarter, their capital spending dropped by 2.5 per cent.

Companies ought to be feeling confident enough to invest far more heavily. They have built up a massive financial surplus during the recovery, demand has been buoyant, profits rising and interest rates have stayed relatively low.

But industry is still so fearful of the outlook that seven representative groups, including the CBI, the Engineering Employers' Federation and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, felt it necessary to send Mr Clarke a begging letter last week. They want 100 per cent first year capital allowances for at least the first £200,000 of plant and machinery investment, indexation of existing allowances, reforms to capital gains tax and more.

All in all, British companies and consumers don't seem to share the Chancellor's belief in a golden scenario.

BAe launches Barrow on tide of hope

The takeover of VSEL could mean more orders and jobs, says Ross Tieman

British Aerospace yesterday made an agreed offer for the town of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria. For no town in Britain is so dominated by a single company as this industrial outpost on the north shore of Morecambe Bay.

Barrow town centre is called Vickerstown, with good reason. It is awash with basins and jumbled with workshops, over which looms the massive Devonshire Dock hall, where VSEL builds Trident missile submarines.

The fruits of Barrow's labour make their way to the sea via a dredged channel that separates the town from Walney Island. Pass through the docks, take the causeway across the channel and you reach the town's airport. Even this is owned by VSEL. The surrounding grassy knolls serve as test terrain for the company's self-propelled AS90 howitzers.

Barrow's iron ore attracted Vickers, and the town grew up around the ironworks, now long gone, and the shipyard. Isolated at the end of the tortuous A590, it has attracted few other employers outside the public sector. Only four years ago, VSEL employed 14,500 of the 70,000 inhabitants.

> BAe's expertise at selling arms can be applied to warships

But the end of the Cold War and a government attack on weapons procurement budgets have taken their toll. The Trident programme is running down. Employment at VSEL has fallen to 5,800. A further 800 jobs will go in the next 12 months. According to Noel Davies, the company's chief executive, the number will probably shrink to 4,000 before new Royal Navy orders for Batch 2 Trafalgar hunter-killer submarines halt contraction.

The proportion of registered unemployed, at 10 per cent, is little higher than the national average, but the real unemployment rate is probably closer to 20 per cent. And the proportion of residents claiming sickness benefit is three times the national mean.

Yesterday's £490 million agreed takeover bid from British Aerospace will do nothing to arrest the slide, at least in the short-term. VSEL diversified into naval guns and howitzers to reduce dependence on warships. Those products overlap the work of Royal Ordnance, BAe's guns and ammunition arm.

Nor can BAe produce new orders, overnight. Yet growth, not contraction, is the ambition of John Weston, the chairman and chief executive of BAe's defence division. He has wanted to build up a warships arm to balance BAe's military aircraft since 1988. The takeover is the climax of a year of on-off talks with VSEL.

Warships are changing, and with them the ways in which they are built and bought. The Ministry of Defence used to design the ships, let the contracts and run the programme. As ships and systems increased in complexity, cost overruns became the norm.

To reverse this trend, the ministry switched tactics. A prime contractor must now bid to build a ship, at a price. A second contractor integrates the weapons system. Each must bear the risk, and cost, of any overruns. Prime contractors must be big, well funded, and harbour a broad range of skills. Defence industry workloads are falling across the Western world and pressure for mergers is strong. Some shipyards, including Swan Hunter, on Tyneside, have gone to the wall.

Today, there are only three dedicated warship yards in Britain: VSEL, building submarines and striving to return to surface ships; Yarrow, a frigate specialist on the Clyde, owned by GEC; and Vosper Thornycroft, building minehunters and small warships at Southampton.

With VSEL under its wing, BAe will have naval sales of some £800 million, compared with its £1.3 billion turnover in military aircraft. Davies and Weston believe winning new MoD orders will be easier together. And they say BAe's expertise at selling weapons overseas can be applied to warships, offering the prospect of export orders as Asian and Middle Eastern countries step up their arms spending.

If they are right, prosperity could slowly return to Barrow.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Case for ministers to stand clear of nuclear review

From Mr William N. Bullen

Sir, It is hard to imagine a measure that would do less to promote competition in the UK electricity industry than the reshuffle of AGR nuclear plants suggested by Mr Littlechild, the industry regulator. Nuclear plants are price takers in the electricity market, and therefore, despite supplying 25 per cent of electricity, exert little market power. One could probably count on the fingers of one hand the times they have set the price in the Pool since its inception. Furthermore, at 25 per cent of the market, Nuclear Electric is still smaller than National Power, even after allowing for disposal of assets, as directed by Mr Littlechild's recent ruling. Taking its AGR component only, Nuclear Electric would be smaller than PowerGen.

On the wider question of whether nuclear power has a role in the future of electricity supply, I feel that this is unlikely to be resolved by naively quoting comparitive cost figures, and casually assuming that the market knows best. Distortions still exist in the market (not the least of which is the price regulation formula) and sideline any attempt at decision-making on economic criteria. In the absence of such distortions, and with some attempt to price external environmental costs, proponents of both gas-fired and nuclear plants would do well to look at the economics of energy conservation.

There is, however, a more pragmatic argument, which would most likely spell the end of nuclear power in the UK. To keep costs down to a level where the market would be remotely interested, and to have any significant impact on objectives that the Government may legitimately follow (eg security of supply, control of greenhouse gas emissions), a minimum programme of perhaps five or six plants would need to be built. To force a programme of such size on a private-sector industry, where the planning of capacity expansion has been decentralised, would be difficult. The Government would have to set out a plan and stick to it. This, it cannot deliver. Like it or not, nuclear power is a political issue and always will be. I am forced to conclude that the nuclear review is one occasion when the Government could decide to do absolutely nothing and be proud of it.

Yours faithfully,
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Power sale backed

From the Chief Executive, Nuclear Electric plc

Sir, In Pennington's gleeful account of Professor Littlechild's ideas for restructuring the nuclear generators, he implies that our pursuit of privatisation has in some way undermined our credibility. He has clearly failed to notice that Professor Littlechild himself advocates our privatisation. Doesn't that make it more credible rather than less?

Yours faithfully,
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Charity loans to subsidiaries

From Mr John Claricoat

Sir, I refer to Robert Miller's article (Trustees struggle to recover funds from charity's chain, Friday October 7) regarding the Mental Health Foundation and Golden Opportunity Shops Limited.

The article gives the impression that since the Charities Act 1992, the duties of charity trustees have become more onerous. This is a widely held misconception. A loan to a subsidiary must always be, and has always been, regarded as an investment. The investment must be within the powers of the trustees, be on proper terms having regard to the state of the market, and the trustees must act prudently. The 1992 Act has changed nothing in this respect.

Yours faithfully,
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C&W begins talks in Peking for telecoms venture

BY A CORRESPONDENT

HONGKONG Telecommunications, which is 57.5 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, would invest HK$2 billion (£163 million) if mobile phone and fixed network ventures proceed in China.

C&W yesterday announced the beginning of exploratory talks with the Beijing Telecommunications Administration (BTA) about joint development of the mobile network in Peking.

It is also to co-operate with China's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) to study the construction of an optical fibre cable system linking Peking and Hong Kong "in order to maintain prosperity and stability of the long-term development of telecoms between Hong Kong and China", the company said.

Lord Young of Graffham, chairman of C&W, said: "We are prepared to invest in the region of HK$2 billion in the projects." Financing had not been finalised, but could be funded from internal resources, he said.

The deals are considered to mark a watershed in the opening of the Chinese market to foreign telecoms operators. Until now, China has maintained a state monopoly over telecoms services, although western equipment suppliers have long been established there.

Linus Cheung, chief executive of Hongkong Telecom, who is to join the board of C&W, said: "Peking's mobile industry is growing very rapidly." He was "extremely pleased" to work with BTA. "This will mark a new era in Hongkong Telecom's co-operation with China," he said.

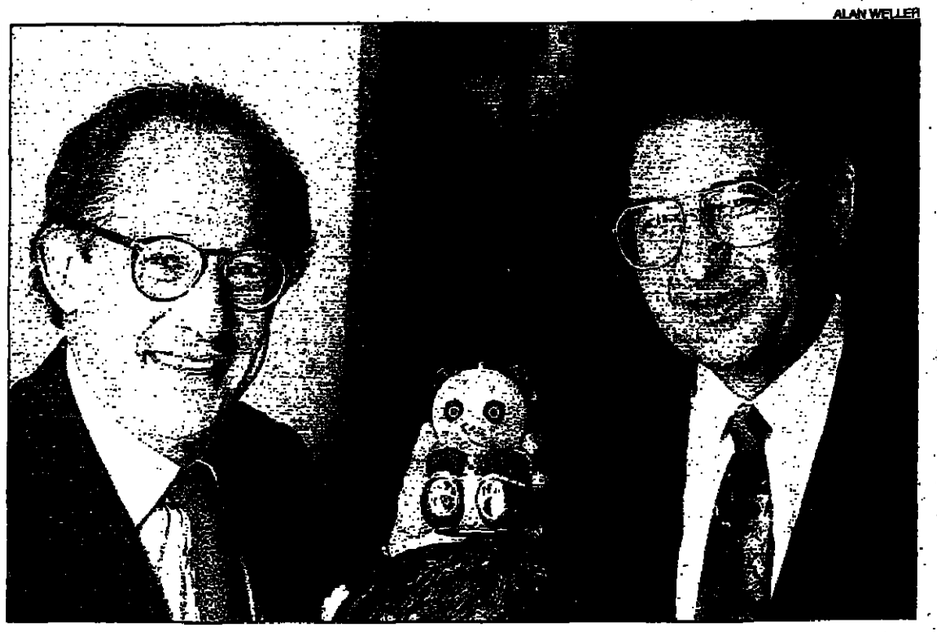
To meet growing demand, BTA plans to expand capacity to double the number of customers on a yearly basis in a few years' time.

James Ross, chief executive of C&W, said that it sees exponential growth in China, where the mobile network subscriber base in Peking was about 60,000. "We are looking to double, double, double and double this base," he said.

An analogue mobile network was in place, but Peking was moving to a digital standard. "We may be involved in expanding and developing both networks," Mr Ross said.

Mr Cheung became HK Telecom's first Chinese chief executive in March, with a special mission to develop its business in China. His recruitment, from Cathay Pacific Airways, was widely applauded by analysts, who said it would give Hongkong Telecom an edge in the vast and barely tapped China market.

The company began early to develop a China connection, with C&W selling a 20 per cent stake to state-owned China International Trust and Investment Corp in 1990.


ALAN WELLER

Time Products sales tick up

A RISE in sales of luxury watches, particularly in North America, enhanced operating profits at Time Products, the international distributor of watches and luxury products (Martin Barrow writes).

Pre-tax profits eased to £4.7 million from £5.3 million in the six months to July 31. But comparable profits for the first half of 1993 included exceptional income of £1.5 million. Underlying profits rose 24 per cent. Turnover for the period was £37.2 million, rising from £29.9 million. Marcus Margulies, chairman, who is pictured (left) with financial director Leslie Michaels, said sales and profits rose in the luxury and volume divisions in the UK.

The sales of Audemars Piguet watches in North America exceeded forecasts and has shown a profit in the first year of operation. Since its acquisition in March, the Audemars Piguet business in Switzerland has made a satisfactory contribution. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.25p (3p). Earnings were 5.85p a share (6.67p).

European car sales speed out of recession

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SALES of new cars in Europe are showing strong signs of bouncing back after the years of recession. Figures for the first nine months of the year show sales ahead by 5 per cent to 9.25 million cars.

However, sales of Japanese cars continue their dramatic slide, falling about 80,000, or 7.2 per cent, this year and with the market share of the combined companies down from 12.6 per cent at this stage last year to 11.1 per cent.

Denmark leads the list of sales increases, ahead by 73.5 per cent year on year, with Ireland up 27.5 per cent, Spain 21 per cent and France 14.4 per cent. Germany, however, Europe's biggest car market, remains flat, with sales up to September marginally down and refusing to show any signs of growth.

The biggest winner among the manufacturers this year has been Mercedes-Benz, whose new C-class mid-range model has had a major impact in almost every market place and increased the company's sales by 29.3 per cent.

BMW's acquisition of Rover has helped push the new Anglo-German group ahead by 6.9 per cent this year, selling 606,966 vehicles. However, Rover, which includes Land Rover, continues to keep its nose in front of its parent business, accounting for 305,877 sales, an increase of 9 per cent.

Volkswagen still leads the league table of European manufacturers with a 15.9 per cent share of the market for new cars, although that is down from 16.3 per cent in the first nine months of 1993.



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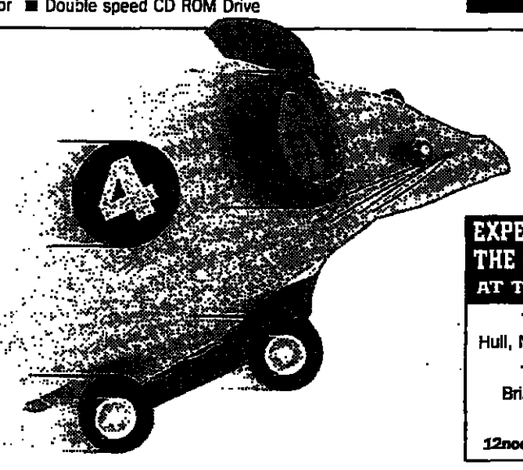
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

NHS hospitals likely to shun private cash

NATIONAL Health Service Trust hospitals are more likely to sell or redevelop land to raise funds for investment in their buildings than to utilise private sector cash through the Government's private finance initiative. A survey by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors found that only one trust hospital in ten plans to use the private finance initiative to secure access to new facilities. But more than a third of hospitals planned to sell surplus land or buildings to fund an improvements programme worth £1.2 billion over the next two years.

The survey, covering 178 hospitals, will disappoint private companies who have been hoping to extend the provision of contract services to the NHS. But they point to a wealth of opportunities for property developers. Little of the spending will be directed at improvements in medical care. The biggest target will be security. Half said this was their most pressing priority. More than four out of ten said their heating system needed an overhaul, or that roofs and windows needed repairs.

Scotland's slow recovery

SCOTTISH firms are confident about prospects of recovery — but find it is a long time coming, according to a survey of Scotland's five main chambers of commerce conducted by the Fraser of Allander Institute. Factories are winning more orders and sales — but this is not reflected in the shops, where tax rises may be beginning to bite into shoppers' pockets. The survey found confidence still rising, although at a lower rate than previously, in manufacturing, construction, wholesaling and tourism. Factories are seeing a strong rise in orders and sales, but in the retail sector, confidence is still falling.

Brandon buys again

BRANDON Hire, which specialises in hiring out power tools, catering equipment, furniture and marquees, is back on the expansion trail. The Bristol firm is buying Beechwood Hire, which operates from seven depots in South Wales and one in Bristol, for £1.8 million. Beechwood made £166,000 profits in the year to March 31 on sales of £2.53 million. Brian Nathan, chairman of Brandon, said the deal was in line with the company's policy of geographic expansion and followed the recent acquisition of JSL, the fasteners firm. He added the sharp improvement in business reported earlier this year was continuing.

Eurocamp expands

EUROCAMP is to launch a new holiday company called EuroVillages providing self-drive holidays in France next year. News of the launch came as Eurocamp said the 1994 holiday season had been brighter than last year. Overall bookings went up 20 per cent with nearly half a million people taking camping or mobile home holidays. The new holiday programme, which will initially be sold by the company rather than through travel agents, has a first year bookings target of 2,500 families. The company also said that Gordon Harman, finance director, is to retire next year and no replacement has yet been found.

Ipeco dips to £1.2m

IPECO Holdings, the manufacturer of aircraft seating, saw pre-tax profits dip to £1.2 million (£1.6 million) in the half-year to June 25. The company said its markets in aerospace had bumped along the bottom of the recession in the airline industry, and trading in the second half showed few signs of recovery. Earnings fell to 2.94p a share from 3.8p and the interim dividend is held at 1.3p, to be paid on November 24. Turnover fell to £9.47 million from £10.6 million. Christopher Johnson, chairman, said these latest results represented progress from the low point of last autumn.

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	411 †	+2	...	4.7	13.8
314	238	Allied Irish	253	+7	...	3.0	9.7
278½	177	Aus New Z	177	-1	...	5.3	27.1
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	2837½	-62½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	283	+5	...	4.6	8.2
247	172½	Bank Scotland	203½	-1½	...	3.3	16.5
640	487	Barclays	563 †	+1	...	3.7	10.8
37	13½	Carlisle	25	+½	...	1.2	...
630½	449	Caser Allen	493	...	...	7.1	10.2
180	130	Cattles	141 †	+2½	...	4.8	13.3
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2206½	...	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2718½	+35	...	...	...
285½	203	Close Bros	233 †	+6	...	4.0	∞
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£129½	+40	...	6.3	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£299½	+103½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	71	+1	...	2.6	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1411	+27½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	462	-4	22.0	6.0	13.3
1113	680	HSBC	726 †	+16	...	4.2	10.5
1133	680	HSBC HK	746 †	+17	...	4.1	10.8
473	221	Hambros	245	+3	...	7.7	10.0
543	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	106	King Shaxson	115	...	...	9.0	11.4
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	462 †	-5	...	5.2	8.2
460	319	Lloyds	565 †	+6	...	5.1	11.1
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	117	...	...	3.8	17.8
620½	477	Nat Aust Bk	485	-4	...	5.7	10.4
622	421	Nat West	497	-5½	...	4.9	9.2
573	415	Provident	522 †	+9	...	4.3	16.6
79	53	Rea Bros	81	...	...	1.9	17.3
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	413	+6	...	3.6	18.7
1574	1050	Schroders	1398 †	+35	...	1.7	42.8
559½	223	Stand Chart	272 †	+3	...	2.9	9.3
291	197	TSB	219	-1	...	4.6	11.0
199	102	Union	103	+1	...	5.5	9.5
1012	569	Warburg SG	633	-2	...	4.3	7.7
£105	8012½	Wells Fargo	9369½	+43½	...	2.0	...
260	194	Westpac	215	...	...	3.5	∞
390	269	Wintrust	260	...	...	4.9	17.4

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	548	Allied Domecq	580	+3	...	4.8	14.2
619	483	Bass	537½	+7½	...	4.9	14.1
299	230	Boddington	251 †	+1	...	4.1	13.5
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	423	-10	...	3.2	24.4
196	108	Burtonwd Brw	187	+1	...	3.3	15.6
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	167	-1	...	2.7	23.2
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	56	-1	...	5.0	∞
493	380	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	...	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Grand Met	417	+7	...	4.0	18.1
511	399	Greenalls Grp	416	-1	...	3.8	15.9
584	452	Greene King	522	-1	...	3.1	14.5
542	428	Guinness	456 †	+1	...	3.6	15.0
265	239	Hardy Hanson	264	...	...	4.2	13.5
170	135	Heavitree	150	-7	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Distl	424	...	...	2.0	20.1
3773	3125	Holt J	3650 †	...	...	1.7	20.5
222	127	Macallan-Glen	221 †	...	...	0.7	57.9
685	365	Macdo Mrtn 'A'	585	...	...	1.8	28.2
246	195	Mansfield	233	-2	...	3.4	14.3
314	256	Marston Thmp	306	+1	...	2.4	15.9
646	544	Matthew Clark	589	-36	...	4.0	13.1
250	113	Mrrydwn W	115	-1	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	510	+22	...	2.5	17.1
10½	7½	Paramount	7½	...	...	3.3	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	261 †	...	...	2.6	∞
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1289½	...	...	2.1	20.0
591	477	Scot & New	500	+8	...	4.3	14.8
190	142	Taunton Cider	163	-6	...	5.1	12.4
306	229	Vaux Group	235	+1	...	5.1	15.1
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	414	+22	...	2.0	∞
617	494	Whitbread	543	+4	...	4.3	15.8
589	495	Wolvrhmptn D	540	-2	...	3.0	15.2
180	148	Yates Bros	166	...	...	2.3	20.5
535	483	Young 'A'	500	...	...	3.8	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	16 †	...	...	3.0	15.3
200	148	Allen	169	...	...	3.9	20.0
164	99	Amec	106	-3	...	3.6	60.3
454	333	Ashtead	444	+2	...	1.5	28.1
165	107	Attwoods	114	-1	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	320	+8	...	3.2	21.6
142	93	Beggeridge Brk	120	-2	...	3.3	22.7
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	33	+3	...	6.6	4.0
60	38	Bardon	39½	-½	...	6.3	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	187 †	+4	...	4.0	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	138 †	-2	...	4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	196	+5	...	4.0	18.4
59	40½	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	35.6
244	125	Berisford Intl	194	+2	...	...	...
523	383	Berkeley Gp	411	+4	...	2.1	17.1
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
90	60	Blockleys	66 †	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	289 †	+13	...	4.9	20.5
355	250	Bolt (Henry)	250	...	...	3.2	12.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	70 †	+2	...	2.7	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	93 †	-2	...	6.2	26.6
151	130	Br Dredging	137	...	...	5.2	16.2
99	78	Brit Fittings	88 †	...	...	3.2	...
197½	120	Bryant	131 †	+4	...	4.8	14.7
145½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	353 †	+8	...	2.7	17.9
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	23	...	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	126	+1	...	4.1	28.0
120	82	Crest Nicholson	88	+1	...	2.4	15.8
140	100	Cussins	109 †	...	...	3.9	13.2
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	...	1.7	...
350	273	Epwin	317 †	-1	...	3.1	18.8
82	57	Erith	68 †	...	...	2.5	38.8
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	30	+½	...	4.2	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	97 †	...	...	3.5	...
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	838	...	...	1.9	14.6
218	168	Graham Grp	175 †	...	...	3.3	16.7
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	152	+4	...	2.5	17.4
82	46	Hewetson	70	...	...	2.2	...
473	291	Heywd Wist	302 †	+6	...	5.6	17.0
144	86	Higgs & Hill	95	+7	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	35 †	...	...	2.7	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	24 †	...	...	4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	84 †	+1	...	3.5	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Kelter	111 †	...	...	4.2	12.9
428	296	Laing (J)	330 †	+10	...	4.9	20.3
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	94 †	+2½	...	8.5	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
159	63	Lovell (YJ)	78	+4	...	...	...
405	305	Manders	306 †	...	...	4.1	14.9
213½	130	Marley	142 †	+6	...	3.7	16.8
155	120	Marshalls	143	+4	...	3.7	17.5
253	196	Maunders (J)	220	...	...	3.0	21.2
321	186	McAlpine (A)	224 †	+13	...	3.6	32.8
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	+½	...	1.1	...
569	359	Meyer Intl	481	-23	...	3.4	16.9
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	114	...	...	2.2	...
202½	66	NSM	104	...	...	...	12.0
196	149	Newman Tnks	157 †	...	...	5.1	19.8
379½	226	Persimmon	226 †	+6	...	4.9	17.7
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	131	+1	...	3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	987 †	+23	...	2.8	20.0
116	53	Raine Ind	54 †	...	...	6.9	∞
48	21	Rapson	23	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	478 †	+6	...	6.5	22.1
108	70	Rosket	100	...	4.3	5.4	...
185½	117	Rugby Grp	122 †	+5	...	3.5	15.4
61	50	Secure Retire	51	...	...	...	...
67	50	Svrfld-Rvo	63 †	...	0.7	1.5	29.6
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	166 †	...	...	3.3	12.3
298	222	Sheffield Insl	253 †	+5	...	2.8	20.2
365	233	Sheriff Hldgs	345	...	...	1.5	24.3
158	94	Shorco	158	-3	...	4.4	14.8
245	195	Smart (J)	233	...	...	4.6	20.1
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
306	121	Tarmac	132 †	+2	...	5.2	...
257	151	Tay Homes	156	...	...	4.5	∞
183	116	Taylor Woodrw	120 †	+1	...	1.7	30.8
960	536	Tilbury Dough	555 †	+11	...	7.4	42.5
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	304 †	+17	...	3.4	18.7
29½	15	Trencherwood	15	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	24 †	+1	...	2.6	...
28	21	Tudor	22	...	...	1.4	...
113	90	Vibroplant	112	+2	...	4.0	29.6
170	123½	Walnhouses	128	+4½	...	4.1	13.9
74	48	Ward Hldgs	58	+7	...	1.1	...
63	33	Waterhouse	56	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	538 †	+1	...	2.9	20.3
225½	149	Westbury	165	+11	...	4.0	18.4
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	+½	...	...	...
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	355 †	+6	...	3.3	15.8
259	171	Wilson (C)	194 †	-1	...	2.7	16.1
249	132	Wimpey G	150 †	...	...	4.4	22.4
30	16	YRM	17	-2	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
840	583	ADT	705	+2	...	...	6.5
478	253	Adam & Harvey	475	...	...	3.9	6.5
83	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	86	Auto Sec	91	...	...	...	11.8
162	99	BET Ord	108½	...	...	3.8	17.7
195	115	BNB Res	189	-4	...	3.4	21.8
255	175	BPP	214 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
186	134	BSM	134 †	...	...	6.0	11.4
235	184	Barbour Index	184	...	...	5.8	∞
1½	½	Black & Edg	1	...	...	...	...
236	159	Brit Data Mgt	175 †	+1	...	3.9	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
74	58	Brooks Service	63	...	...	3.0	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	90 †	-1	...	4.5	22.1
238	158	Capita Group	164	...	...	2.1	20.9
59	29½	Cattlet Plc	30½	-1	...	4.5	10.4
29½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26½	...	...	...	...
85	40	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
423	292	Combi Sec	320	+4	...	2.4	19.7
65	41	Corp Services	58	...	...	0.5	21.8
97	48	Coutts Cnslg	52	...	...	1.0	...
179	140	Dart	168	-2	...	2.8	18.0
276	212	Davis Service	226 †	...	...	4.5	15.2
154	98	EW Fact	98	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
334	261	Hays	280½	-2½	...	2.8	15.8
280	220	Hogg Robinson	225	...	...	3.9	15.7
39	18	Holmes Protectn	22	...	...	...	1.3
366½	240	Hunt Wharmp	294	+½	...	1.9	21.1
2896½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1843½	+9½	...	5.7	2.0
609	395	Inchcape	435 †	...	...	4.3	14.5
165	138	JBA Hldgs	140 †	...	...	2.1	14.2
414	254	Johnson Clean	256	+1	...	5.3	10.4
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	178	-2	...	1.6	20.8
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1865½	...	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	112 †	...	...	2.6	27.5
143	90	Parity	138 †	...	...	2.0	36.0
115	8	Perma	84	...	...	6.0	...
89½	60½	Pritchard	68 †	...	...	6.4	11.7
415	280	RCO	300	...	...	4.5	18.4
132	97	REA	132	+4	...	5.7	50.4
177	104	Reed Executive	167	...	1.0	0.2	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	145	-2	...	4.1	∞
270	199½	Rentokil	227 †	+3	...	1.7	23.4
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	29.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	264	...	...	3.8	13.8
68	43	Scott Pickford	59	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	14	+½	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	288 †	...	...	1.6	36.2
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	103	+3	...	...	...
120	98	Skerchley	98	+3	...	4.1	15.3
146	100	Unipalm	107	-1	...	...	∞
338	325	Warner Howard	327	...	...	2.8	15.5
30½	19	Wills Gp	19 †	...	...	3.3	10.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
136½	115½	Allied Colloids	134	+3	...	2.2	21.5
1141	910	Amersham	995	+52	...	1.9	20.9
3½	½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£126½	+43½	...	7.4	...
373	280	BTP	296	+4	...	4.2	18.7
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£145½	+45½	...	6.2	...
171	97	Blagden	118	...	...	1.6	55.2
131	98	Brent Chems	117 †	+1	...	4.5	...
544	311½	Brit Biotech	510	-25	...	...	18.1
13	5½	Cairn Gp	6½	...	...	...	...
199	153	Canning (W)	174 †	...	...	5.2	29.4
580	420	Courtaulds	452	...	...	4.1	36.5
389	327	Croda	367 †	+2	...	3.0	15.5
143	95	Doeflex	110	+7	...	4.1	16.0
283	225	Ellis & Everard	268	+3	...	3.5	19.8
58	35½	Euro Colour	56	...	...	2.6	20.0
399	337	Halstead (J)	383	...	...	2.5	∞
223	155	Hickson	156 †	...	...	6.4	14.0
£153½	£128½	Hoechst	£131½	+46½	...	5.6	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	213	+3	...	2.6	17.4
860	728	ICI	814	-2	...	4.2	65.8
843	685	Laporte	713 †	+12	...	3.7	18.0
248	190	Leigh	192	...	...	5.1	17.6
95	45	MTM	84 †	...	...	0.7	...
2410½	1012½	Norsk Hydro	1405½	+53½	...	1.4	∞
625	463	Paterson Zch	493	-1	...	3.2	13.0
595	426	Paterson Zch 'A'	423	...	...	3.4	12.5
250	180	Plysu	180	...	...	4.9	25.7
349	265	Porvair	285 †	-1	...	1.9	21.5
66	31	Sutcliffe Speak	32	+1	...	2.0	19.0
490	361	Wardle Storeys	400	...	...	5.4	21.0
823	570	Wolstnhlme R	785 †	+2	...	3.0	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	397	+3	...	2.6	17.1
336	258	Yule Catto	285 †	+12	...	2.9	21.7
869	622	Zeneca	813 †	+8	...	4.3	16.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alders	212	-1	...	3.6	15.8
410	307	Argos Plc	318 †	-1	...	3.3	16.7
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	70	...	...	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	144	+9	...	5.3	7.1
244	176	Austin Reed	244	...	...	2.8	12.2
166	138	Beattie (J) 'A'	138 †	...	...	5.6	19.0
150	110	Bentalls	126 †	...	...	2.0	43.7
165	36	Betterware	54	...	...	6.6	5.7
48	36	Blacks Leis	37	...	...	7.6	...
264	195½	Body Shop	223	+5	...	1.1	20.9
601	497	Boots	525	+13	...	3.6	20.7
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
283	210	Brown (N)	240	...	...	2.2	21.2
74½	51	Burton	63½	-½	...	3.9	...
248	160	Castors	160 †	-5	...	3.1	∞
530	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	25.5
171	96	Clinton Cards	106	...	...	3.6	15.2
287	194	Coats Viyella	217	+3	...	4.8	18.5
170	93	C'ty Casuals	93	-2	...	5.8	9.5
903	725	Courts Furnish	726 †	...	...	1.0	37.0
210	155	Crown Eye	175	-5	...	6.8	7.6
157	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	89½	-½	...	4.2	12.0
184	97½	Dewhirst (I.J)	127 †	...	...	1.7	17.9
287	170	Dixons Grp	191	+2	...	4.3	20.3
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	+½	...	...	...
580	330	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	27.2
284	181	Essex Furn	182	...	...	2.6	29.1
326	217	Etam	279	...	...	3.5	19.6
538	465	Fine Art Dev	465	...	14.3	3.8	14.4
84	46	Fired Earth	64	+3	...	...	...
155	130	Formlnster	150	...	...	2.7	∞
278	134	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gehr SR	70 †	...	...	4.0	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	119	-1	...	2.0	21.2
653	524	GUS	569 †	+9	...	2.9	16.7
196	164	Hamleys	165	-1	...	3.6	15.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	23 †	...	...	5.4	...
70½	13½	Hartstone	15½	...	...	2.5	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	10.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	209 †	-2	...	3.0	18.5
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	91	+3	...	3.5	16.5
211	173	Jacques Vert	190	...	...	3.0	16.8
778	477	Kingfisher	500 †	+7	...	3.3	13.1
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.5	14.1
435	340	Liberty	340 †	...	...	1.8	...
380	277	Lloyds Chem	299	+16	...	4.1	9.4
184	126	MFI	137	+1	...	3.6	17.1
460½	380	Marks Spencer	418½	+3	...	2.7	19.5
680	507	Menzies (John)	507 †	...	...	2.9	12.5
343	238	Moss Bros	333	+6	...	2.6	16.2
275	214	Next	247	+5	...	3.5	15.0
94½	39	Oliver (G)	94½	...	...	...	29.2
335	255	Ordiname Intl	271	...	...	4.8	12.3
37	12	Pennns	14½	+½	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	18.6
62	23	Rhino Grp	24	+1	...	2.6	22.8
209	140	Rosebys	140 †	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	99	Sherwood Gp	99	...	...	3.9	9.7
132	99½	Sears	106	+1	...	4.4	17.8
...	23½	Signet Group	25	...	...	...	8.6
549	437	Smith WH	451 †	+15	...	4.3	23.3
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	208	+6	...	3.3	18.5
198	146	T & S Stores	166	...	...	4.7	11.6
173	117	Tie Rack	117	...	...	1.9	13.9
265	215	Time Products	237	+5	...	4.7	18.1
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119 †	...	...	7.4	9.1
539	384	Vendome	517	+3	...	1.3	39.8
44	34	Vivat	41	...	...	3.8	10.6
70	33	WEW Group	33	...	...	2.3	24.3
108	42	Wettern	107 †	...	...	3.4	37.7
129	88	Wickes	92	+1	...	1.8	20.5
99½	52	Wld of Leather	82 ‡	+2	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	145 †	+1	...	3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	99	ACT Group	99	...	...	6.6	9.3
296	248	Acal	281	...	...	3.0	17.6
650	478	Admiral	644	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	183 †	...	...	3.4	15.1
46	34	Alphameric	43	...	...	...	32.8
50	25½	Amstrad	27	...	...	2.5	...
110	73	App Holo	102	+1	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	83½	...	...	1.3	17.1
281	162	Azlan	162	...	...	2.3	13.1
283	239	Bates Hunter	271	...	...	4.5	∞
478	344	BICC	362 †	+8	...	6.6	22.8
535	411	Black	418	+5	...	3.1	16.8
1100	637½	Bodantl	875	...	...	...	...
330	289	Bowthorpe	315	...	...	2.9	17.4
486	353½	BT	395½	+1	...	5.3	13.8
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	-½	...	1.6	13.8
79	55	Burnfield	67 †	...	...	3.5	28.8
543	381	Cable Wireless	421	+6	...	2.4	17.9
39½	24	Chloride	26½	...	...	...	74.8
283	263	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
205	105	Comptr People	195 ‡	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	154	Cray Elect	177	...	...	1.6	∞
467	412	Crichley	433	...	...	2.3	19.4
586	459	Delta	475 †	...	...	3.8	20.3
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
78	63½	Dowding Mills	63½	...	...	3.0	23.2
1635	1220	Druck	1460	...	...	0.9	27.2
589	443	Electrocmpnts	477	+3	...	2.5	20.6
199½	135	El Data Pre	138	+3	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	153 †	+3	...	2.6	15.8
39½	21	Emess	31	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	385 †	+11	...	1.6	22.8
212	162½	FKI	168	+1½	...	2.8	19.4
593	502	Farnell Elect	534	+3	...	1.7	21.9
346	296	First Tech	334	...	...	1.3	19.3
283	195	Forward Gp	195	...	...	3.2	11.7
38	14½	Forward Tech	30	...	...	0.6	...
359½	269½	GEC	296	+6½	...	4.6	14.9
191	119	Graseby	142 †	...	...	5.3	13.3
14½	10	Graystone	12½	...	...	2.4	∞
193	126	Ind Control	128 †	...	...	4.9	∞
388	268	Jones Stroud	248 †	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	124	...	...	3.3	14.0
396	335	Kenwood App	369	...	...	3.0	17.7
298	221	Kewill Sys	257	...	...	2.4	11.2
165	38	Kode	62	+8	...	8.1	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	20	-1	...	...	...
143½	88	LDMS	103	...	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	133 †	+1	...	3.9	13.2
321	266	Logica	304 †	...	...	2.1	∞
55	45	LPA Ind	53	...	...	3.8	...
216	112	ME Data Mngt	112 †	...	...	6.2	∞
723	435	Macro 4	425 †	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	220	Memvier-Sw	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1320	790	Micro Focus	798	...	...	...	9.7
178	117	Microgen	117	...	...	7.7	11.7
45	31	Microvitec	36	-1	...	...	...
548½	426	Misys	426	...	...	2.6	∞
494	185	Mitel	221	+1	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	175	...	...	3.0	17.9
320	290	MTL Inst	315 †	...	...	1.7	19.0
148	103	Murray Ets	114 ‡	...	...	2.2	...
2746½	2384½	NYNEX	2468½	+18½	...	...	...
138	70	Neomonics	70	...	...	4.6	15.2
60	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
438	272	Norbain	415 ‡	+2	...	0.7	19.9
100	47	Northamber	91	...	...	1.1	38.6
49	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	26	Orbis	24	...	0.5	2.7	∞
358	277	Oxford Instr	311	+1	...	2.0	18.3
84	60	P & P	67	...	...	3.9	16.6
98	74½	Peek	80	...	...	5.4	19.9
235	168	Pegasus	168 †	...	...	3.7	16.9
£115	9750	Philips Fin 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	2006½	+21½	...	0.9	9.1
440	230	Photolink	230	-2	...	...	...
359	280	Pifco	357	...	...	1.6	24.3
354	288	Pifco 'A' Vtg	339	...	...	1.7	23.2
140	70	Plasmec	128 †	-1	...	3.7	...
129	100	Pressac	113	...	...	2.3	23.1
303	181	Psion	253 †	+3	...	1.4	17.7
261	187	Racal Elect	254	-4	...	2.1	20.9
50	33	Radamec	47	...	...	5.1	14.0
48	27	Radius	41 †	...	...	1.1	...
169	73	Real Time	157	...	...	3.2	∞
311	229	Renboro	232 †	...	...	2.4	17.0
615	507	Sage Gp	605	-3	...	2.1	16.3
84	77½	Sanderson Elec	85	...	...	4.2	...
89	19	Scantronic	23	...	...	4.6	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
432	310	Sema Gp	431 †	+1	...	1.0	26.0
270	245	Servomex	266 †	...	...	3.1	28.4
48	36	Silvermines	37	...	...	2.7	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	66	...	...	4.5	15.0
3225	2265½	TDK	2931½	+65½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	95	...	...	2.6	17.7
170	80	Telemetrix	89	+2	...	1.4	11.4
318	191	Telspec	318 †	+10	...	1.0	38.4
1165	963	Thorn EMI	1005	+7	...	4.2	20.5
230	133	Thorpe FW	211 †	+3	...	1.9	∞
43	22	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.2
303	215	Tunstall	249	...	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	346	...	...	2.4	27.1
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
217	157½	Vodafone	277	+12½	...	1.6	28.4
483	395	Volex	414	...	...	5.5	18.2
200	60	Wakebourne	93	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	557	East Midlands	708	-9	...	4.0	55.9
866	566	Eastern Grp	738	-6	...	3.9	16.1
477	308	Hydro-Elect	336	+4	...	4.7	10.6
753	534	London Elect	677	-2	...	4.2	10.3
871	635	Manweb	768	+1	...	4.0	9.2
840	547	Midlands Elec	721	+1	...	4.0	11.1
520	404½	National Powr	480	...	...	3.2	12.2
858	589	Northern Elec	744	-4	...	4.2	9.3
421	329	Nthn Ireland	363	+1	...	3.9	9.9
850	587	Norweb	703	-4	...	3.8	10.0
602	449	PowerGen	548	+½	...	2.8	12.5
486	325	Scottish Power	353	+5	...	4.4	11.2
453	299	Seeboard	386	-2	...	3.8	10.2
840	591	Sth Wales	764	-1	...	4.2	10.4
824	651	Sth Western	717	+2	...	4.1	9.5
837	540	Southern Elec	721	+8	...	3.9	11.3
795	552	Yorkshire Elec	645	-1	...	4.3	13.3

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
165	79	BWD	87	+1	...	6.0	7.1
124	96	Baltic Plc	123 †	...	...	2.0	13.7
215	163	Bluter Inv	165	-3	...	...	...
737	623	Caledonia	683	+11	...	3.0	16.9
2650	1900	Camellia	2485½	...	...	1.6	6.6
363	310	Candover	330 †	+2	...	4.2	...
212	184	Exco	187	...	...	5.7	10.2
465	353	Govett	353	...	...	5.2	5.8
250	185	Ivory Sime	235	+3	...	4.0	18.3
428	150	Johnson Fry	158	-3	1.5	1.2	...
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	162 †	...	...	7.2	10.1
57	44	Manskin	51	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½	+½	...	...	0.4
...	16	Newmarket	16 ?	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	267	-1	...	4.0	13.2
29	21½	Rutland Tst	28 †	...	...	4.0	14.2
369	281½	S & U	314 †	+5	...	4.4	10.2
114	75	Singer & Fried	78 †	+2	...	5.0	10.0
1260	788	Sotheby's	795	+5	...	3.5	34.3
188	116	SIP Capital	132	+2	...	2.8	8.1
224	145	Towry Law	145 †	-4	...	3.9	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1925 ‡	+12½	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	134	...	...	5.4	9.9
229	157	Gartmore	165 †	+4	...	3.0	19.1
1208	895	Henderson Ad	878	+13	...	6.3	13.8
251½	151	Invesco	159 †	+3	...	2.9	26.1
317	224½	Jardine Strat	245½	+1	...	3.2	10.3
323	218	MAI	240 †	+4½	...	4.1	13.0
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	95	+1½	...	...	...
720	538	MAM	591	+8	...	4.8	13.8
1260	794	M & G	948	+20	...	3.7	19.9
496	324	Smith New Ct	337	-5	...	3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	517 †	+12	...	3.6	10.1
68	50½	ASDA Group	62½	+1	...	3.5	14.3
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	285	...	...	3.7	11.4
74	44	Albert Fisher	44	...	...	10.7	9.8
315	222½	Argyll	268	+2	...	5.4	11.6
270	220	Banks (S C)	225	-10	...	5.4	8.6
373	305	Barr (AG)	372	...	...	2.3	24.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
481	378	Booker	419 †	-1	...	6.5	15.4
56½	48	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	413	Brake Bros	425	+6	...	2.1	15.2
43	24	Bridgen	25½	+½	...	4.9	10.2
189	136	CPL Aromas	189	...	...	2.0	18.0
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	450 †	+6	...	4.3	14.9
232	143	Carrs Milling	188	+3	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	152	...	...	6.8	12.7
17	11½	Cullens	15	...	...	...	...
156	90	Dalepak	118	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	438	+1	...	6.2	11.2
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
284	212	Devro	223 †	+1	...	3.5	15.0
101	57	Everest	57	...	...	5.6	∞
394	344	Farepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	10.2
108	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	189	Geest	200	-2	...	5.2	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	126	...	...	6.6	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	171	+1	...	6.5	12.0
28	16	Hobson	24½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	150 †	-1	...	3.3	9.3
111	93	JLI Group	97	...	...	0.2	13.7
656	523	Kwik Save	547	-6	...	4.3	9.5
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	117 †	...	...	2.9	14.1
18	9½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	2.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	131 †	-2	...	1.0	15.3
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241 †	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	209	-1½	...	5.3	10.2
14	9	Nrthmbrn Fa	12	-1	...	...	...
232	177	Nordin Peack	181 †	...	...	4.6	10.0
146	89½	Park Foods	120	+2	...	2.5	24.3
81	62	Perkins Food	77 †	+1	...	7.2	12.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	116 †	-1	...	2.2	∞
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	404	+2	...	3.3	14.3
96	73	Sentry Farm	83	+2	...	3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	89	+1	...	10.5	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	425	-2	...	3.9	10.5
255	200½	Tesco	237 †	-2	...	4.2	11.9
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	3.4	∞
258	145	Treatt	201	...	...	2.5	16.4
434½	323	Unigate	334	+2	...	6.5	9.4
388	301	Utd Biscuits	309 †	-3	...	6.2	25.2
21	8	Usborne	8	-½	...	5.2	5.9
422	270	Watson & Philip	374	...	...	4.9	15.1
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	35	-3	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	76	...	...	2.9	15.4
285	209½	Forte	234 †	...	...	4.0	27.7
207	169	Friendly Hotels	173	+4	...	4.2	28.6
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	173½	+3½	...	4.0	15.5
217½	151	Ladbroke	157 †	-1	...	2.8	27.7
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	83½	+3	...	3.8	22.0
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels H	29½	...	...	4.5	16.5
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	915	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	83	+1	...	1.8	29.9

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	42	+1	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	396	+1	...	5.7	14.1
185	119	AIM	145	+1	...	3.9	38.7
138	70½	APV	73 †	...	...	7.5	...
220	157	ASW	184 †	+2	...	4.1	...
202	151	Adwest	158 †	+3	...	5.9	16.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18½	+½	...	5.1	52.5
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	182	Alexdra W	184	...	...	3.8	19.6
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...	...	...
333	283	Alumasc	333 †	+3	...	2.3	∞
73	27½	Alvis	31	...	...	4.0	21.6
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
69½	43½	Amberley Gp	55	...	...	2.3	∞
81	43	Anagen	52	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	268	...	...	1.2	29.7
62	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.5	∞
175	163	Ash & Lacy	163 †	...	...	4.9	16.8
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
609	474	Avon Rubber	549	...	...	3.8	23.9
297½	248	Assoc Nursg	253	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	533 †	-2	...	5.2	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	113	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	185 †	+3	...	3.0	...
193	115	BEP Group	165 †	...	...	0.8	45.3
51	24½	BM Gp	45	+½	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	697	+7	...	4.2	29.4
86½	59½	BSG	61½	...	...	6.5	38.4
578	495	BSS Group	523	...	...	4.2	21.8
401	299	BTR	317 †	+2½	...	4.9	16.7
176	138	BWI	139	...	...	6.2	∞
40½	26½	Babcock	30½	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	225	...	...	5.0	18.9
568½	368½	Barlow	499½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	70 †	...	...	2.9	19.5
25½	17	Bearing Power	21	+½	...	4.5	13.3
95	23	Beauford	32	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	10½	+½	...	4.0	∞
393	243	Bespak	276	...	...	4.6	14.2
91	49	Bibby (J)	53	...	...	4.7	...
226	124	Billam (J)	124 †	...	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Btrsea	37	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	246	+1	...	3.9	18.1
48	30	Black Arrow	39	...	...	8.3	9.5
290	233	Black (Peter)	264 †	...	...	2.1	19.0
250	139½	Bluebird Toys	215 †	+6	...	3.5	6.4
329	262	Bodycote	309	+2	...	2.2	20.9
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	...	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	466 †	-1	...	3.5	17.5
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1771½	+9½	...	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Intl	257	...	...	1.4	16.4
20	15	Brasway	16 †	...	...	4.1	16.3
370	288	Brammer	338 †	...	...	4.8	18.8
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	∞
171	120	Bridon	161	...	...	3.1	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	96	+1	...	2.9	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	47	+½	...	8.9	∞
236	185	Br Bldg & Eng	185	...	...	5.6	∞
134	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	448	+6	...	3.5	15.6
172½	121½	Br Steel	167½	-½	...	1.5	62.0
176	48	Br Thornton	48	...	...	15.6	4.2
309	219	Br Vita	224 †	+1	...	4.2	16.7
180½	136½	Britton Grp	139 ‡	-2	...	2.2	20.5
988	773½	Broken Hill	912	+1	...	2.2	37.5
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	91	-1	...	6.2	11.5
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	50	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	148	...	...	5.1	24.3
16	7	Business Tech	8	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbl & Arm	42	...	...	...	...
39	11½	Cannon St	16	...	...	...	6.1
488	398	Cantab Pharms	398	...	...	...	...
278	237	Cape	238	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	276 †	...	...	4.0	18.3
215½	128½	Caradon pf	138½	+1	7.2	6.5	...
293	248	Carclo Eng	250	...	...	4.5	16.3
10	6	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2446½	1880½	Carnaud Mtl	2175	-25	...	2.2	16.8
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
66	32	Cathay Ind	32	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	766	+7	...	3.7	21.8
300	272	Chemring	280	+9	...	4.0	15.3
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Intl	164 †	...	...	1.5	29.0
80	60	Clayhithe	73	...	...	4.5	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	248 †	+1	...	4.0	∞
263	187	Concentric	188	...	...	4.0	15.6
310	240	Cook (Wm)	272	...	...	3.4	13.1
285	227	Cookson	245 †	+5	...	3.3	22.2
117	81	Copymore	115	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	112	Crawfd Plc 'A'	113 †	...	...	6.3	25.3
155	109	Cosalt	135	+2	...	5.8	...
285	190	Creighton Nt	192	...	...	5.0	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	33 †	+2	...	3.0	...
2062½	1584½	Dana	1682½	+37½	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	311	+22	...	0.6	28.5
296	198	David Brown	200	-1	...	4.0	14.1
1022	825	De La Rue	970	+11	...	2.6	20.6
162	133	Denby Group	152	+8	...	2.5	14.8
52	32	Dinkie Heel	33	...	...	5.4	9.5
628	445½	Diploma	455	...	...	3.4	18.2
97	70	Dobson Park	80	...	...	5.9	15.8
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	104	...	...	4.2	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	81	...	...	5.4	∞
16	12	EFG	15½	+½	0.1	0.8	10.1
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	15	...	...	...	...
53	31	Eleco	32	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3109½	-6½	...	1.7	52.9
91	69	Elliott (B)	87	...	...	1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	365 †	-4	...	5.6	17.6
146	96	Enviromed	124	+1	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3587½	+40½	...	1.1	31.1
86	56	Eurocopy	64	...	...	3.5	18.9
119	60	Expamet	103 †	+3	...	3.2	73.0
402	334½	Fairey Group	385 †	+2	...	2.0	20.4
148	109	Fenner	139	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	35	Ferrum	35	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	107	Fisons	112	+2	...	3.1	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	42	...	...	11.0	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	205	Fuss Group	225 †	...	...	3.0	22.7
88	77	GEI Ins	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
669	510½	GKN	605 †	+5	...	4.2	35.4
79	49	GR Hldgs	35	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	127 †	...	...	4.6	34.4
191	118	Gestetner	118	-4	...	2.5	...
66	49	Gieves	60	-2	...	2.1	38.5
725	520	Glaxo	591½	+6	...	5.7	14.5
46	26	Glenchewton	31	...	...	...	...
404	321	Glynwed	329	+1	...	4.5	19.0
209	125	Goode Durrant	192	...	...	3.9	15.1
185	109	Grampian Hldg	110½	...	...	6.3	20.1
598	475	Granada	516	-12	...	2.2	20.4
85	71	Green (Ernest)	75 †	...	...	10.0	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	+½	...	4.0	13.9
85	61	Haden MacLn	66 †	...	...	3.8	17.0
122	90	Hadleigh	119	...	...	2.1	13.9
70	59	Halkin Hldgs	62	...	...	...	48.4
320	146	Hall Eng	146 †	...	...	6.9	11.4
256	204	Halma	217	+2	...	1.4	25.5
73	47	Hampson Ind	66	...	...	3.8	12.6
302	224	Hanson	229½	+1½	...	6.5	20.5
161	122	Harris (Philip)	143	...	...	4.0	17.7
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	165 †	+1	...	6.8	18.8
180	121	Havelock Euro	163	...	...	1.5	19.3
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35 †	...	...	2.5	27.2
511	284	Hepworth	304 †	...	...	6.1	17.3
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	138	Hill & Smith	138	...	...	5.3	15.0
191	111	Holders Tech	119	...	...	6.3	12.9
63	39	Hopkinsons	52 †	...	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	183	...	...	6.1	16.0
103	78	Howden	84	...	...	3.6	13.5
292	234	Hozelock	248	...	...	3.0	17.6
265	163	Hunting	163	-2	...	7.7	32.3
513	402	Hunslgh Tec	420 †	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	311 †	+3	...	4.1	26.4
138	110	ISA Intl	118	...	...	1.8	14.7
165	42	Intercare Gp	42	...	...	10.4	4.5
325	284	Isoron	285 †	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	531½	+½	...	2.7	12.2
628	488	Johnson Mathh	541	...	...	2.6	21.5
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	287	...	...	2.0	34.0
32	25	Jones Shipman	31	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
191½	148	Kalon	148	-1	...	3.7	14.0
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315	...	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
276	163	Kleeneze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	347	-2	...	4.0	16.1
170	145	Lilleshall	158 †	-2	...	3.7	16.6
229	205	Lincat	220 †	...	...	3.9	∞
408	313	Linton Park	397 †	...	...	5.5	11.3
14	4½	Lionheart	5½	+½	...	7.1	11.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	84	...	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	143½	+4	...	3.5	39.4
438	364	Low & Bonar	399	...	...	3.2	15.9
49	41	ML Hdgs	43	-1	...	2.5	14.9
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	55	...	...	3.4	13.3
271	223	Macfarlane	266	+1	...	1.9	21.4
539	418	McKechnie	418	...	...	4.4	20.0
127	100	McLeod Russel	113	-1	...	6.7	17.6
104	70	Magnolia	72	...	...	0.2	...
179	139	Mang Bronze	149	...	...	3.4	∞
26½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
231	166	Mayborn	186 †	...	...	4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	23.2
187	120	Medeva	164 †	-½	...	2.2	13.2
130	74	Meggitt	74 †	-½	...	6.6	11.9
120	101	Metalrax	107 †	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Microtecs	100	...	...	4.3	∞
133	99	Metsec	133	...	...	2.8	18.4
124	69	Midsmes	69	...	...	...	9.6
6	3½	Middlesex Hlds	5½	-½	...	...	...
589	540	Molins	540 †	...	...	3.7	10.9
408	319	Morgan Cble	323	+2	...	5.0	15.4
217	17½	Morris Ashby	209	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	43 †	...	...	9.2	10.7
274	214	Nobo Gp	225 ‡	...	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	136	+12	...	6.4	24.4
35	27	Novo Group	27	...	...	0.9	∞
64	48	OMI Intl	50	...	...	4.4	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	0.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	73	+3	...	6.7	23.8
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	99 †	...	...	3.6	19.6
310	207	Photo-Me	236 †	+11	...	2.5	∞
208	162	Pilkington	187	+2	...	2.7	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	53	...	...	4.2	∞
185	82	Plantabrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	131 †	+2	...	2.2	∞
44	16	Porter Chadburn	40	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	299	-1	...	3.1	13.4
29½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.9	9.3
77	56	RPS Group	68 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiam Metal	77	+9	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	414	+6	...	3.8	26.6
71	13	Ransomes	60	...	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	558 †	+11	...	4.1	13.9
95	70	Record	85	...	...	5.4	18.9
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	257	+2	...	2.6	46.9
308	268	Renishaw	295 †	+2	...	2.9	∞
185	126	Renold	178	...	...	1.8	24.7
539½	424	Renters	468½	+13½	...	1.8	23.5
90	72	Rexmore	75	+½	...	4.2	7.6
194	138	Ricardo Group	145 †	...	...	5.2	17.6
73	53	Richard (Leics)	53	...	...	5.3	37.9
104½	82½	Richardson West	83 †	...	...	4.9	18.2
164	118½	Ropner	136 †	...	...	6.9	15.4
24	13	Ross Gp	13	...	...	3.8	...
195	157	Rotork	168 †	+3	...	3.3	17.1
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	93	...	...	3.1	18.9
42	34½	SEP Indl	35½	...	...	3.2	16.7
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1096½	+6½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	213	+½	...	3.5	18.2
210	145	Scholl	154 †	+2	...	5.2	14.8
295	242	Scotia	273	...	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1463	+18	...	0.3	36.2
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	965	+36	...	0.4	23.9
892	606	Security Serv	780	+35	...	0.9	24.7
150½	106½	Senior Eng	106½	-3	...	4.0	17.1
354	291	Seton Health	339	+1	...	2.4	17.3
180	138	Shiloh	156	+2	...	2.8	10.3
358	221	Sidlaw	225	-1	...	6.0	11.0
630	500	Siebe	530	+13	...	2.6	17.1
378	196	Silentnight	226	+7	...	4.5	14.0
196	137	Sime Darby	167	-3	...	3.3	17.3
130½	75	Simon Eng	101	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	189	-5	...	4.9	∞
78	35	Six Hundred	78	+3	...	2.4	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	143½	+½	...	4.4	15.9
465½	357½	Smithkline	434 †	+3½	...	3.1	16.9
421	322	Smithkline Uts	391 †	-2	...	3.5	15.2
527½	411	Smiths Ind	434	+12	...	3.5	17.4
104	41	Sthn Bus	49	...	...	9.5	7.6
280	155½	Spandex	258	+5	...	1.2	20.7
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	430 †	+2	...	2.9	18.3
81½	44	Spring Ram	44	-1	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	206½	+½	...	5.1	60.4
267	197	Sterling Ind	235	+3	...	3.4	21.1
220	165	Suter	165 ‡	...	...	7.0	15.9
604	440½	Swire Pacific 'A'	475½	-½	...	2.0	∞
178	149	Sytone	158	...	...	3.9	17.5
455	343	TI	368 †	-13½	...	3.9	20.3
44	31	TLS Range	36 ‡	-1	...	3.5	14.5
402	330	TT Group	350 †	-1	...	2.4	∞
292	192	Takare	227	+3	2.0	1.1	19.6
852½	656	Takeda Chem	779	+10½	...	0.8	14.6
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	5.9	19.4
220	185	Tilon	185	...	...	2.9	15.7
283	204	Tomkins	212	-1	...	4.4	13.6
124	74½	Trafalgar H	86½	-4½	...	1.4	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	48	...	...	8.8	5.0
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	6.5	∞
313	256	UniChem	269	-7	...	3.2	15.4
440	245	Unidare	306	...	...	3.5	16.6
54	30	Unigroup	37	+3	...	...	...
1347	958	Unilever	1130	+8	25.0	2.8	16.3
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7171½	+15½	...	3.0	14.5
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	-½	...	0.8	...
1328	980	VSEL	1310	-82	...	3.4	12.5
31½	12	Verson	14½	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	171 †	...	...	2.6	18.1
322	242	Victaulic	242	...	...	4.2	13.3
19	9½	Villiers Grpa	11½	...	...	...	...
522	451	Vinten	504	...	...	2.0	13.1
805	661	Vosper Thorny	705	+4	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	53 †	-2	...	4.5	31.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	464	-1	...	4.8	23.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105	...	...	4.1	18.5
324	246½	Wassall	286 †	+5	...	1.6	24.6
63	44	Wtrford Wdgwd	61	...	...	...	47.5
354½	246½	Weir	274	+4	...	3.0	16.6
731	498	Wellcome	676	+9	...	3.2	15.4
230	193	Wellingtn Hldg	193 †	...	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hlmcare	348	...	...	1.6	∞
548	395	Whatman	395 †	...	...	3.3	14.5
264	90	Whessoe	101	+1	...	10.1	7.2
152	93	Whitecroft	151	-1	...	1.7	23.8
13½	9½	Widney	10½	+½	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	334	...	...	4.9	20.6
57	39½	Wilshaw	57	...	...	1.3	23.4
975	705	Wolseley	744	+14	...	2.4	18.1
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	65 †	...	...	1.0	∞
96	70	Young (H)	74	...	...	5.6	79.1

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1490½	937½	Alex & Alex	1250	+16½	...	5.3	...
2043½	1675	Am Gen	1700	+12½	...	4.3	...
86	47	Archer	51	...	...	2.5	...
165	85	Bradstock	90	+5	...	7.7	10.3
550	370	Britannic	407	+1	...	4.0	...
117	89	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	554 ‡	+9	...	5.7	20.9
1980	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
84	33	FAI	37	+2	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	143	...	...	6.3	12.8
757	529	Gen Accident	591	+7	...	6.0	9.4
247	161	GRE	196½	+1	...	5.0	21.7
457	338	Heath C E	355	+7	...	7.8	...
323	239	Independent	250 †	...	...	4.4	7.1
203	126	JIB Group	131 †	...	...	7.2	12.0
547	407	Legal & Gen	462 †	+6	...	5.6	18.4
1375	965½	Liberty Life	1347½	+25	...	7.7	5.2
119	91	LIMIT	93	+½	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	350	+2	...	6.6	10.6
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	176 †	+15	...	5.5	11.6
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	+1	...	5.5	∞
445	313	London & Man	339 †	...	...	6.0	16.9
236	170	Lowndes Lmb	170	...	...	5.5	10.7
5897½	4743½	Marsh McLn	4756½	-6½	...	3.9	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	105	Orion	115	...	...	5.5	∞
83	35½	PWS	35½	...	...	10.6	...
385	271	Prudential	316 †	+8	...	5.4	13.6
404	261	Refuge	280 †	+1	...	5.3	∞
350	232½	Royal	295 †	+1	...	3.8	7.4
222	139	Sedgwick	153 †	-3	...	4.9	17.3
155	104	Steel Burrill	114 †	+2	...	9.0	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	77	+3	...	4.0	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	335 †	+3½	...	5.6	9.3
96	51	Trade Indemnity	63 †	...	...	1.8	14.0
464	332	Transatlantic	355 †	...	...	4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	505 †	...	...	4.2	25.9
245	133	Willis Corroon	165½	+4½	...	5.0	16.0
28	20	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	325	+3	...	2.5	...
2058	1703	Alliance	1765	+10	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	418	-3	...	2.1	...
161	117	BZW Conv	125½	+4	...	7.8	∞
219	173	Bankers	184	+1	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	323	-1	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	96	+1½	...	5.6	...
96	89	Br Empire Sec	93½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	203	+1	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	235	...	...	2.8	...
223	194	Contl Asset	197	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	159	...	...	12.4	...
328	268	Derby Cap	280	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	77	...	...	13.6	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Ind	90	...	...	1.1	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	141½	+2	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	640	+7	...	5.1	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	90	+1	...	...	...
80	44½	Dunedin Wts	47	+1	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	315	...	...	3.6	...
827	725	Dunedin Wwde	768	+4	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	303	+2	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	319	+2	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	197	+2	...	2.0	...
127	106	English Scot	114	+2	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	296	-1	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidlty Euro Val	152	+3	...	0.2	...
103½	87	Fidlty Jap Val	88½	+½	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	299	+5	...	0.4	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	78½	+2½	...	...	...
92	37½	Fleming Wts	40	+1½	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	204½	-½	...	3.4	...
385	302½	Fleming Contl	311	+2	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Enty	201	+1	...	3.0	...
459	327	Fleming F East	365	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	334	Fleming Fledg	355	...	...	1.1	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	94	+1	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	263½	+1½	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	289 †	+2	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	Fleming O'seas	295 †	+3	...	1.8	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	139	+1	...	1.6	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	132	+½	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	72	...	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	229½	+1	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	122½	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	324 †	+2	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	164½	+1½	...	1.5	...
303	245	GT Japan	256½	+2½	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	157	+1	...	...	...
119½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	144	+2	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	128	-2½	...	0.2	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	85	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	80 †	...	...	7.0	...
420	349	Govett Oriental	404	+5	...	0.3	...
346	238	Govett Strategic	249	+5	...	3.4	...
475	410	Greenfriar	419	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	90	+1	...	...	...
99	91	Inv Biotech	91	...	...	...	...
50	33	Inv Wts	38	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	130	+3	...	5.0	...
119	94	IBS UK Smllr	103	+4	...	3.4	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	160½	...	...	...	...
241	195	Kleinwort Chrl	202	+2	...	3.2	...
89½	75½	Klnwt Euro Pvt	78½	+½	...	...	...
49	29½	Klnwt Euro Wts	28½	...	...	...	...
272½	230½	Klnwt O'seas	238	+1½	...	1.8	...
165	131	Klnwt Smlr	131 †	...	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	724	+2	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	197	+1	...	3.2	...
324	277	Merchants	286 †	+6	...	5.3	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	85	+½	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	30½	+½	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	110	...	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	41½	+½	...	...	...
2987½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2206½	-31½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	527	+5	...	1.7	...
158	125	Morg Gren Inc	137	+1	...	4.1	...
64	43	Morg Wts	52	...	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	103½	...	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	57½	...	...	...	...
149	109	Murray Eur	114 ‡	...	...	2.2	...
58	34	Murray Wts	36	...	...	...	...
64	54	Murray Euro	58	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	331 †	+1	...	4.5	...
395	319	Murray Intl	333 †	+3	...	4.7	...
548	424	Murray Small	484	+8	...	1.1	...
97	62	Murray S/C Inc	86	...	...	15.4	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	146	+4	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	4.6	...
162	152	Murray S/C DP	157½	+½	...	...	...
363	302½	Murray Vent	307 †	+1	...	4.7	∞
95	61	Nthrop Inc	62 †	...	...	9.6	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	355	-3	...	1.1	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	207	+4	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	511	+5	...	0.3	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	405	+5	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8600	...	195	2.9	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	178	+2	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114	...	...	10.7	...
440	412	Robeco	412	...	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rolinco	422	...	...	1.6	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	307	-1	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	159	+1	...	3.8	...
369	238	Scot Asian	295	+2	...	...	...
1030	665	Scot Wts	813	-15	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	82½	+1	...	2.4	...
262½	208	Scottish	216½	+2	...	2.8	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	225	+2	...	2.3	...
133½	109½	Scottish Value	110	+½	...	2.2	...
1795	1515	Second Allnce	1555 †	+13	...	3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	...	...	4.9	...
179	148	Selective Asset	156	...	...	1.2	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	42	...	...	10.1	...
205	149	TR Far East	163	+1	...	4.0	...
177½	133½	TR City of Lon	144	+1	...	4.6	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	118	-1½	...	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	33½	+½	...	3.3	...
152	106	TR Tech Inv	109	+1	...	3.0	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	190	+1	...	2.5	...
412	310	Temple Bar	332	+4½	...	5.1	...
135	102	Thmtn Asian E	110	+1	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	76	...	...	3.8	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	498	...	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	239 †	+2	...	2.4	...
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	111	+2	...	4.5	...
257½	205	Witan	229	+2	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	453	-1	...	2.5	15.7
46½	19	Ald Leis	19	...	...	...	...
177	144	Alpha Airpts	147 †	-1	...	3.4	...
131	85	Baldwin	113 †	...	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Bart & W 'A'	279 †	...	...	4.5	11.6
365	231	Boosey Hwks	344 †	...	...	1.9	20.4
205	133	Border TV	183	+14	...	2.7	15.3
7½	3	Brent Walker	3	...	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scots	188	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	37	Campari	37	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	352	...	...	2.2	31.0
1047	797	Carlton Comm	846	+11	...	2.9	18.7
247	114	Chrysalis	235	+1	3.2	1.7	...
374	305	Compass Gp	321	+1	...	2.7	18.9
290	232	Eurocamp	269	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	89	Euro Disney	89	-1	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	429	+14	...	3.5	29.9
131	81	First Choice	115	+1	...	3.8	...
350	262	First Leisure	264 †	+1	...	3.1	17.5
476	309	Flextech	435	-1	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	908	...	...	1.4	32.9
356	226	Grampian	336	+2	...	2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	147 †	...	...	1.5	32.9
96	35	Hi-Tec Sports	35 †	...	...	9.9	5.1
18½	11½	Kunick	13½	+½	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	249	+8	...	6.0	12.7
702	579	Man Utd	650 †	-5	...	4.0	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	34	Northern	67	...	...	3.8	∞
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	94	...	...	1.5	∞
183	126	Prism Leisure	126	...	...	4.1	8.9
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (H)	264	...	...	2.1	39.7
628	395	Scott Radio	593	+13	...	2.2	23.2
574	355	Scot TV	441	+4	...	3.6	29.5
40½	21½	SelecTV	22½	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	325	...	...	3.0	18.5
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130	+1	3.5	3.4	19.9
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
167	75	Tottenhm Hot	136 †	...	...	0.9	36.5
760	518	Ulster TV	708 †	...	...	2.0	21.6
150	129	VCI	150	...	...	1.8	13.4
149	112	Vardon	123 †	...	...	1.2	21.8
392	150	Yorkshire TV	376	+4	...	...	...
149	110	Zeiters Gp	137	...	...	7.9	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3590½	+106½	...	2.0	34.1
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3468½	...	...	2.6	18.8
7206½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6975	+178½	...	3.4	20.9
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1346½	...	...	...	...
401	275	Bakyrchik	299	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	166½	+5½	...	...	...
37	12½	Bracken	12½	...	...	7.0	...
898	580½	Buffels	806½	+4½	...	6.7	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	871	-3	...	2.4	22.7
55½	36	Cluff Res	45½	...	...	...	...
143	28½	Coal Inv	118	-20	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1531½	+25	...	3.4	16.3
148	88	Deelkraal	109½	-1½	...	1.2	9.7
101½	30½	Doornkloof	99½	-1½	...	...	...
1029½	665½	Driefontein	996½	+28½	...	4.3	14.7
928	549½	Durban	885½	-15½	...	...	...
209½	107	E Rand Gold	172	-4½	...	10.3	6.5
122½	99½	E Rand Prop	91	-15½	...	...	...
510	300½	Elandsrand	510	+½	...	3.1	11.9
1239	741½	FS Cons	1075½	+16½	...	0.4	11.1
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1918½	1193½	GFSA	1897½	+6½	...	2.0	28.3
218½	109½	Gencor	218½	+9½	...	1.2	27.4
89½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	56	-2	...	2.3	21.1
32	14	Greenwich R 'A'	20½	+½	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	177½	+2½	...	5.3	9.4
680½	319½	Harmony	625½	-6	...	...	...
430	269½	Hartles	360½	+9½	...	7.9	10.6
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1487½	-15½	...	1.7	46.2
1319½	840½	Kinross	1090½	-6½	...	4.4	15.2
1087½	565½	Kloof	1059½	+20½	...	3.0	11.1
137	69½	Leslie	123½	-1½	...	8.6	7.3
368½	176½	Loraine	335½	+12½	...	...	...
1137½	997½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	∞
162	118	MIM	131	-1	...	1.8	...
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1625 †	+6½	...	2.2	∞
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	172	-1	...	3.0	25.8
905	730	RTZ	892 †	+3½	...	2.9	25.4
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	767	-11½	...	4.2	∞
295	207	Renison	230	-5	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustenburg	1731½	+15½	...	1.7	∞
756	539½	St Helena	719½	+16½	...	6.1	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1953½	-62½	...	4.4	22.8
143	73	Stilfontein	119	-9½	...	17.9	4.0
261½	90	Unisel	199½	+1½	...	3.0	15.4
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6737½	+100	...	3.8	11.1
1103½	508½	Western Areas	1099½	+½	...	6.4	10.4
3762½	2050	Western Deep	3334½	+37½	...	3.1	11.6
398	300½	Warm Mining	380	+4	...	1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	900	+15½	...	5.2	12.7
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
65	48	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.6	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	3.0	3.0	18.8
140	108	Airflow Stream	125				
175	117	Appleyard	119 †	+1	...	6.1	21.0
405	268	Bletchley Mtr	270 †	...	...	4.8	11.1
306	180	Bostrom	294	-2	...	2.6	16.6
584	390	Br Aerospace	471 †	+12	...	2.4	41.4
57	36	Burndene	38	...	...	6.6	11.1
465	280	Caffyns	295	...	...	4.9	19.9
22	13½	Caverdale	14½	-½	...	1.3	14.4
130	98	Central Mtr	96	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	32½	Cook (DC)	40	...	...	3.1	∞
348	208	Cowie	216	...	...	4.8	10.6
192½	122	Dag Motors	140 †	+2	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	327	...	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	213	+7	...	5.0	16.7
173	106	European Mtr	110	...	...	4.8	11.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	403 †	-6	...	4.4	12.7
310	235	FR Group	296	-6	...	3.3	16.0
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1850	+62½	...	...	...
4387½	2762½	General Mtr	2962½	+100	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	266½	Henlys	275 †	...	...	3.4	14.7
1239	919½	Honda Motor	1111½	+5½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	53	...	...	...	12.3
184	145	Kwik-Fit	151 †	...	...	3.3	17.3
573	346	Lex Service	349	-1	...	4.8	13.4
282	162	Lookers	189	...	...	4.6	11.8
234	158	Lucas	196	+3	...	4.6	...
29½	24	Malaya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	234 †	+2	...	4.0	15.4
236	167	Perry Gp	167 †	...	...	5.2	9.2
218	148	Quicks Group	148 †	-3	...	4.4	15.6
294	161	Rolls-Royce	185 †	-4½	...	3.4	32.6
261	203	T & N	219 †	+9	...	6.2	19.1
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	315	...	...	2.6	22.6
221	162	Vardy (Reg)	162	...	...	3.5	15.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	204 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	340	...	...	5.0	14.2
402	213	Blenheim Gp	258	...	...	5.1	9.5
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1337½	...	...	1.4	31.3
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	959½	...	...	2.0	22.5
314	260	Dorling Kind	292½	...	...	1.4	∞
641	51½	Elsevier	637½	-1½	...	3.0	20.6
469	361½	EMAP	375 †	-1	...	2.9	23.3
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1730	-5	...	2.9	30.8
194	32	Harrington E	46	...	...	5.3	∞
515	329	Haynes Pub	440 †	...	...	2.6	26.2
408	337	Hodder H'line	337 †	...	...	2.0	54.9
180	130	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.0
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	215 †	...	...	3.0	10.4
15	8	Irn Cm & Dats	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	288	...	...	2.6	9.8
669	551	Johnston Press	620 †	...	...	1.4	23.0
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	475	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	136 †	+4	...	2.6	19.6
203	123	Mirror Gp	132 †	...	...	0.9	7.0
514½	364	News Corp	384 †	-1	...	0.4	25.0
314	224	News Intl	237 †	+2	...	0.8	12.6
735	552	Pearson	610 †	+6	...	2.7	21.2
760	644	Portsmth Sund	644	...	...	2.1	15.9
964	722	Reed Int	778	+1	...	3.1	23.5
249	187	Southnews	227	...	...	1.6	29.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	138 †	...	...	3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	336 †	+1	...	4.8	11.9
985	695	Thomson Corp	745	-30	30.1	5.1	37.2
472	394	Trinity Intl	396 †	...	...	3.2	18.2
45	18½	Unh Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspprs	488 †	...	...	5.8	11.8

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	39	+1	...	...	23.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	46	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	62½	-2½	...	...	...
67	43	Atrya Pet	46	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	209 †	+4	...	4.2	9.8
358	253	British Gas	302½	+½	...	6.1	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	420 †	...	...	2.7	23.0
3½	1½	Bula Resources	2½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	855	+16	...	4.1	16.8
84	56	Cairn Energy	73	...	...	...	40.2
395	258	Calor Gp	282	+1	...	5.7	13.3
51	33	Clyde Pet	38 †	...	...	1.2	...
16	12½	Coplex Res	12½	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	...	23.7
496	379	Enterprise	390 †	+1	...	5.1	...
39½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Gtal Pet	65	+1	...	2.8	21.6
47	31	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	146	+5	...	0.8	18.9
55	40	Kelt Energy	51	...	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	153	-1	...	0.5	...
75	53	Lasmo Units	53 †	...	7.8	18.5	...
75	55	Monument	69½	...	...	...	74.3
7½	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	OB Search	44	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	Ferroz	39½	-1½	...	...	...
168	148½	Pict Pet	149	...	...	...	∞
111	100	Pittencrieff Rs	101	-2	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	25	...	...	...	13.6
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
282	129	Ramco Egy	229	+7	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	400	...	...	5.1	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7071½	+15½	...	4.5	18.4
4064½	3403½	Schlumberger	3575	+9½	...	2.1	...
65	50	Seafield	61	...	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	727 †	+7½	...	4.3	22.0
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	128	...	...	...	...
237	178½	Woodside	229	-4	...	1.6	...
110	28	XCL	75	+1	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	139	AG Holdings	139	...	...	4.7	12.6
444	366	API	365	...	...	2.0	22.9
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	258 †	-4	...	3.1	38.9
790	540	Abbott Mead	668 †	-1	...	2.2	30.2
37	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	+½	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Cmms	167 †	-2	...	3.8	19.0
30	18	BBB Design	20	...	...	...	10.3
472	386	Bemrose	386 †	...	...	4.0	13.6
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
180	136	Bunzl	168 †	...	...	3.1	19.8
169	117½	CIA Gp	136	...	...	1.6	22.0
198	129	Capital Inds	168 †	...	...	3.5	13.2
99	76	City of Lon	80	...	...	6.9	12.2
439	304	Cropper (James)	309	-3	...	1.4	15.5
114	78	Delyn Group	78	...	...	2.7	14.2
137	104	Dolphin Pack	115	-2	...	5.0	14.6
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	66	...	...	6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	91	...	...	4.7	17.0
430	302	Ferguson Intl	303	+1	...	5.2	12.9
145	123	Ferry Pick	123 †	...	...	5.8	...
227	181	Filofax	201 †	...	...	1.1	19.9
17½	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	176 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	22	Goodhead	27	...	...	0.2	∞
162	124	Incentrope	126 †	...	...	7.7	∞
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	278	...	...	2.3	20.0
33½	20½	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	348 †	+1	...	4.7	20.1
425	230	Osborne & Little	370	-14	...	2.2	13.5
60	32	Ospry Comms	32	...	...	0.3	...
820	513	Portals	735	+2	...	2.8	19.8
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
339	258	Quarto	258 †	...	...	2.9	14.0
412	314	St Ives Gp	325	...	...	2.5	∞
178	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
902½	464½	Sappi	895½	+11½	...	3.2	19.7
30½	16½	Senf	16½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	47	...	...	1.1	7.1
573	399	Smith David	521	+15	...	2.6	23.2
439	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	398	+7	...	1.4	56.5
119	82	Somic	82	-2	...	3.8	8.8
254	165	Sta-Plus	165 †	...	...	6.2	17.5
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	36	...	...	2.2	21.6
161	115	VTR	126	...	...	4.0	20.0
30½	24½	WMGO	24½	...	...	2.6	12.0
129	63½	WPP	111 †	+2	...	1.2	15.9
270	182	Wace	220 †	-3	...	2.3	14.0
291	209	Waddington (J)	214	...	...	5.0	10.5
511	365	Watmough	381 †	+1	...	2.2	24.1
45	29	Whitney Mck	30	-1	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96	...	...	5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	42	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	263	+2	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	1½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	116 †	...	...	2.4	20.6
191	113	Avonside	125 †	...	...	4.4	14.7
382½	238	Bilton	241 †	+2	...	5.0	17.5
168	72	Bourne End	83	...	...	1.5	...
276	184	Bradford	185	...	...	4.4	13.0
474	360	Br Land	405	+1	...	2.3	35.5
137	116	Brightstone	116 †	...	...	4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	190 †	+6	...	5.3	16.9
118	80½	Burford	88	+1	...	2.3	28.5
112	99	CLS Hldgs	99 †	-3	...	6.2	...
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	142	-5	...	1.4	55.7
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	196	...	...	4.1	47.2
325	228	Cardiff Prop	233	+5	...	1.3	52.1
185	152	Chelsfield	160 †	+2	...	1.9	54.5
678	514	Chesterfield	514	...	...	2.9	23.1
112	94	Chesterton Ins	96	...	...	4.3	13.5
84	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	6½ #	...	...	1.9	13.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	...	...	6.3	∞
56	30	Conrad Rbtal GS	30 †	-1	...	2.1	26.2
1755	1330	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	...	...
156	100	Debenhm Twsn	100	...	...	4.4	16.2
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	165	...	...	2.5	46.3
347½	253	Derwent Hldgs	253	...	...	2.2	22.6
41	21	Development Sec	24½ #	-½	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	370 †	...	...	3.5	44.7
47	18	Estates Gen	21½	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	...	...	2.8	19.6
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½	...	...	1.9	∞
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65 †	...	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	25	...	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	46	...	...	4.1	22.6
536	407	Frogmore	425 †	-2	...	5.0	∞
325	228	Grainger	254	...	...	3.0	∞
260	174	Gr Portland	194	-3	...	5.2	37.0
229½	118	Greycoat	121	-1	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	161	-2	...	3.9	∞
94	59	Hambro Cntyw	63	-1	...	0.7	43.7
435	311	Hammerson	325 †	-3	...	3.8	32.6
390	298	Helical Bar	354 †	...	...	2.1	14.2
40½	29½	Hemingway	31	...	...	1.6	53.2
78	24	Herring Baker	26	+2	...	4.8	...
311½	136½	Jermyn	155 †	...	...	...	77.6
792	588	Land Sec	614	+2	...	4.9	17.4
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	91	...	...	5.8	15.4
16	8	Lon & Metro	8	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	431	+2	...	5.8	24.8
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	17.9
65	59	Merivale Mre	70 †	-2	...	3.6	10.7
55	27	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1175	Mountview	1175	...	...	2.4	11.7
196	144	Mucklow (A&J)	146	...	...	5.5	∞
59	21	OEM	21	...	...	...	...
64	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	146	PSIT	146	...	...	4.0	30.7
399	241	Peel	245	-1	...	3.3	∞
162	145	Pillar Prop	152	-2	...	3.0	...
12½	4	Power Corp	4	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½	+½	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	33	...	...	...	12.1
40	26	Regalian	26	...	...	...	9.9
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	107	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	3.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	60 †	...	...	5.6	17.5
100	64	Savills	64	...	...	4.4	10.3
108	62	Scot Met	86	...	...	2.3	...
135	99	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	221	Slough Estates	233 †	-1	...	4.3	49.5
103	56	Southend Prop	56	...	...	5.3	...
133	106	Specty Shops	106	...	...	2.6	...
50	11	Stanhope Prps	11	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	36	...	...	...	2.0
344	167	Tops Ests	168 †	...	...	1.6	40.0
163	117	Town Centre	117	...	...	3.7	20.9
107	91	Trafford Park	91 †	...	...	4.3	∞
58	28	UK Land	46	+1	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	220	...	...	6.4	21.2
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.3	18.6
7½	1½	Wuerglade	2 #	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	66	-1	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	70	+2	...	3.6	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Phipps	165	...	...	5.5	21.7
202½	138	Lambert	138 †	...	...	6.2	13.0
75	53	Pinards	66	+1	...	3.4	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21	...	...	6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	165 ‡	...	...	2.0	11.1
69	50	UK Safety	50	...	...	6.6	12.0

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	494	+6	...	3.3	15.2
71	40	Beckman (A)	42	-2	...	11.3	∞
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18	+½	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	200 †	+4	...	5.3	20.6
385	292	Claremont Ga	314 †	-1	...	3.0	17.4
593	451	Courtauld Text	471 †	+2	...	3.8	21.2
159½	119	Dawson	134	+4	...	2.6	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
90	72	Faupel	75	...	...	8.2	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	19	+1	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	147 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	30	+½	...	8.6	12.1
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	233	+3	...	2.5	16.5
73	55	Jerome (S)	60 †	...	...	1.7	7.6
495	333	Lamont	350	+4	...	4.6	13.2
340	265	Leeds	275	...	...	2.7	14.0
101	68	Lyles (S)	88	...	...	5.1	∞
266	176	Parkland	176	-1	...	3.6	10.5
112	77	Readicut	79	+½	...	5.4	13.6
70	46	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	102	...	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	+½	...	4.0	16.6
46	33	Stoddard	33	...	...	6.1	12.4
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8
289	259	Yorklyde	266	...	...	3.8	12.9

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	446 †	-2	...	5.8	11.7
489	337	Rothmans	395	+2	...	4.2	21.1

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	272 †	+1	...	3.3	21.7
541½	430	BAA	507	-3	...	2.2	21.6
129	103½	Badgerline	117 †	+2	...	4.4	...
496½	344	Br Airways	382	-10½	...	3.6	12.0
109	75	Clarkson (H)	95 †	...	...	2.6	21.4
592½	243	Eurotunnel Uts	263	-10	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	127 †	...	...	4.3	[illegible]
63	39	Jacobs (J)	54 †	+1	...	3.8	...
111	89	Lon O'Seas Frt	89 †	...	...	5.3	3.1
554	380	Mersey Docks	394 †	-1	...	3.0	19.1
347	245	Natl Express	311 †	...	...	3.1	17.9
291	157	NFC	178	+6	...	5.0	27.2
346	246	Ocean Group	251 †	-3	...	7.1	12.6
91	56	Ocean Wilson	71	-2	...	5.6	9.1
743	593	P & O Dfd	605 †	+5½	...	6.2	18.7
198	153	P & O 5.5%	198	...	...	3.5	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	558	...	...	5.5	15.9
102	84	Seacon	96	...	...	3.0	21.8
214	158	Stagecoach	214	...	...	2.4	21.3
131	95½	TNT	109	-8	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britten	703 †	...	...	2.6	18.0
79	25	Tiphook	36	...	...	...	...
327	197	TDG	208 †	+1	...	5.7	14.0
136	98	Ugland	135	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	102 †	+1	...	2.0	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	545	+4	...	5.2	14.2
365	283	Mid Kent Hlgs	330	...	...	4.4	11.1
751	508	Northumbrian	667	+13	...	4.6	7.2
611	454	North West	557	-4	...	5.2	8.3
645	451	Severn Trent	557	-4	...	5.1	7.6
682	466	Southern	597	-6	...	4.9	8.5
1740	1525	South Staffs	1730	...	...	3.6	11.5
675	484	South West	526	-1	...	6.1	7.5
611	434½	Thames	519	-½	...	5.4	5.8
744	546	Welsh	660	-1	...	4.9	7.2
799½	551	Wessex	610	+6	...	4.6	8.1
630	458	Yorkshire	527	-6	...	5.4	7.7

Source: Finstat

• USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ° Ex rights issue. □ Ex all. ◊ Ex capital distribution. ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	100[illegible] †	...	8.97	5.44
107[illegible]	101½	Treas 12% 1995	101½	-[illegible]	11.79	5.55
98[illegible]	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98½ †	...	3.05	5.74
107[illegible]	102½	Exch 10¼% 1995	102[illegible]	...	9.98	6.42
113½	105[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	106[illegible] †	+[illegible]	12.02	6.79
117[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	108½	+[illegible]	12.95	7.10
121[illegible]	111[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	13.69	7.36
117[illegible]	108[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	108[illegible] †	-[illegible]	12.20	7.45
112[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.57	7.63
121[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.96	7.83
114[illegible]	104½	Exch 10½% 1997	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.96	7.89
107[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.60	8.07
131[illegible]	116[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	117[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.72	8.19
114[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.37	8.28
106[illegible]	95½	Treas 7¼% 1998	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.47	8.25
102	93[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.07	8.26
131[illegible]	115[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.99	8.04
140[illegible]	122[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	123[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.53	8.35
125[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	111½	+[illegible]	10.73	8.49
116[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.16	8.45

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[illegible]	88[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	90[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.63	8.42
128[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.80	8.56
121[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.78	8.55
121[illegible]	104[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	106½	+[illegible]	9.61	8.60
116[illegible]	99½	Conv 9% 2000	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.84	8.55
136[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 13% 2000	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.94	8.75
106[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	91[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.63	8.66
122½	105½	Treas 10% 2001	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.45	8.77
123[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	105½	+[illegible]	9.26	8.80
113[illegible]	92½	Treas 8% 2003	95[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.36	8.70
127[illegible]	104½	Treas 10% 2003	107½	+[illegible]	9.31	8.77
129[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.24	8.94
86[illegible]	69[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.82	7.47
105½	84[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	87½	+[illegible]	7.70	8.59
125[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	105½ †	+[illegible]	9.03	8.69
125½	102½	Conv 9½% 2005	105[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.00	8.67
143[illegible]	118½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121½	+[illegible]	10.30	9.00
111½	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	95½	+[illegible]	8.40	8.65
112[illegible]	90½	Treas 7¾% 2006	93[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.26	8.57
136[illegible]	112½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115½	+[illegible]	10.17	9.01
119½	95[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	99[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.57	8.59
151[illegible]	134[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.54	8.80
124[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	103[illegible] †	-[illegible]	8.72	8.59

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115½	91[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	95[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.40	8.57
128[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.68	8.56
129½	100½	Treas 9% 2012	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.65	8.54
93½	71½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.43	8.26
114½	89[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.36	8.48
117[illegible]	92	Treas 8% 2013	95[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.40	8.49
159½	126½	Exch 12% 2013-17	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.21	8.70
128½	99[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	102[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.53	8.47

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54[illegible]	39[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	41½	+[illegible]	8.50	...
37½	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	28[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.69	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203½	197[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	199[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.88	4.16
113[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107[illegible] †	+½	2.84	3.60
176½	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165½	+½	3.42	3.81
173½	159[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161½	+½	3.52	3.84
118½	107½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108[illegible]	+½	3.52	3.82
184[illegible]	165[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	167[illegible]	+½	3.60	3.84
168[illegible]	149½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152½	+½	3.66	3.86
175½	154½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157½	+½	3.67	3.86
146½	126½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129[illegible]	+½	3.60	3.86
157[illegible]	134½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137½	+½	3.73	3.89
152[illegible]	128½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131[illegible] †	+½	3.76	3.89
125[illegible]	106½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109[illegible]	+½	3.74	3.87
128[illegible]	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108[illegible]	+½	3.78	3.91

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report October 13 1994 — Court of Appeal

When justices have to pay costs

Regina v Newcastle under Lyme Magistrates Court, Ex parte Massey and Others
Regina v Stoke on Trent Magistrates Court, Ex parte Knight and Another

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mrs Justice Smith

[Judgment October 3]

Justices who did not sign a consent so that costs of appearing before the Divisional Court or the High Court were unnecessarily incurred by other parties might have an order for costs of the unnecessary representation at the hearing made against them, even if they did not appear, where it could be shown they had behaved unreasonably in all the circumstances in which they were invited to consent.

Justices should challenge the costs order by an application to set aside under Order 35, rule 2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and it was appropriate that where the justices did not appear the time limit under that rule would extend from 7 to 21 days.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated in giving guidelines in respect of costs orders against justices in judicial review proceedings.

Mr Nigel Pleming, QC and Mr Ian Wise for the applicants; Mr James Findlay for the justices.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the case gave rise to issues of general importance. Those were:

First, in what circumstances should an order for costs be made against justices in a judicial review case, particularly where they had not appeared at the hearing.

Second, whether, and if so in what circumstances, justices should be expected to consider consenting to the quashing of their own order on judicial review.

Third, whether, and if so in what circumstances, a refusal to sign such a consent order would justify the making of a costs order against the justices.

Fourth, by what procedure should justices against whom a costs order was made in their absence, be enabled to challenge that order.

The following principles should be applied:

1 There was, by virtue of the Supreme Court Act 1981 as amended, jurisdiction to award costs against justices in judicial review proceedings (section 51(1B)) and on appeals by way of case stated (section 28A). In the light of current legislation there was no reason for applying, at least in civil cases, different principles to each.

2 It was not in every case that a successful litigant could expect to recover his costs against anyone: *per* Lord Bridge of Harwich in *Holden & Co v CPS (No 2)* ([1994] 1 AC 22, 39H).

3 Justices who merely filed affidavits and did not appear before the Divisional Court or High Court would not, without more, normally be visited with a costs order: see section 2 of the Review of Justices' Decisions Act 1872; *per* Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, in *R v Llanidloes Licensing Justices, Ex parte Davies* ([1957] 1 WLR 809) and Lord Parker of Waddington, Lord Chief Justice, in *R v Liverpool Justices, Ex parte Roberts* ([1960] 1 WLR 585) affirmed in *R v York City Justices, Ex parte Farmery* ([1988] JP 257, 261) *per* Lord Justice May.

That was so despite the fact that, in judicial review proceedings, justices were served with notice of proceedings under Order 53, rule 5(3) and were therefore a party within section 151(1) of the Supreme Court Act.

Albeit that they were a party, for over a century it had not generally been the practice to award costs against them in prerogative writ and judicial review proceedings and that practice, reiterated by successive Lord Chief Justices, must have been known to Parliament at the time of the 1977 and subsequent amendments to Order 53 and of the enactment of section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and section 51 of the Statute Law (Appeals) Act 1993.

4 Justices should not generally appear before the Divisional Court or the High Court unless their bona fides were called into question or there were other exceptional circumstances. If they did appear they were unlikely to recover costs if successful (see *R v Camborne Justices, Ex parte Pearce* ([1955] 1 QB 41)) and they would be at risk as to costs if they lost: see *Ex parte Davies*.

5 If they did not appear, an order for costs in relation to the merits of the application or appeal was likely to be made against them in the exceptional circumstances identified by Lord Goddard and reiterated by Lord Parker. *Ex parte Farmery* was correct both in its statement of principle and in its application of the principle to the circumstances of the case, the justices having been expressly invited by the Divisional Court or High Court to appear to explain their apparently unreasonable behaviour.

6 Justices and other tribunals who declined to sign a consent in Crown Office civil proceedings in accordance with *Practice Direction (Crown Office list: Uncontested proceedings)* ([1982] 1 WLR 979) so that costs of appearing before the Divisional Court or the High Court were unnecessarily incurred by other parties might, in an appropriate case, have an order for such costs made against them even if they did not appear.

The court stressed "such" costs: the court referred to the costs of unnecessary representation at a hearing and not to the costs of the proceedings generally, which could only be awarded against non-appearing justices in the exceptional circumstances identified by Lord Goddard and Lord Parker. Failure to sign a consent was not a matter with which the 1979 Act, Lord Goddard, Lord Parker or *Ex parte Farmery* dealt.

But the purpose of the *Practice Direction* was to prevent unnecessary costs from being incurred. The pressure of business in the Crown Office list had increased enormously since the *Practice Direction* was issued and any sensible steps for the economic despatch of such business had to be encouraged by the court. The ability to make an order in an appropriate case against justices and other tribunals who did not consent when they should, was, in the judgment of the court, salutary and necessary.

What then was an appropriate case for an order to be made against justices? In the judgment of the court, such an order should be made where the justices behaved unreasonably in all the circumstances: where "unreasonably" had the same sense in which it was used in Order 62, rule 10(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The quality of the original decision, for example whether it was merely wrong in law or flagrantly perverse, albeit one of the factors for consideration, should not be in itself determinative of the result.

It was necessary to look at all the circumstances in which the justices or tribunal were invited to consent: those would include the attitude to the judicial review or appeal proceedings of the prosecution or other body which instituted the original proceedings, the information provided to the justices or tribunal and the time given to them to consider whether to consent, the type of consideration needed, in particular whether independent legal advice was necessary, and the nature of the flaw in the challenged decision.

The more obviously perverse, the more readily should consent be given and, if withheld, the more readily should costs be ordered.

It was common ground that no final costs order should be made by a Divisional Court or the High Court against justices or a tribunal without giving them the opportunity to be heard and that the preferable route of challenge was an application to set aside under Order 35, rule 2. That was likely to achieve a saving in time and costs when compared with an appeal to the Court of Appeal under Order 59.

It was to be noted that Order 35, rule 2 had a seven-day time limit within which a party who did not appear had to apply. In the judgment of the court, it would generally be appropriate where justices did not appear, to extend that period to 21 days from receipt of the transcript of the judgment by the justices' clerk and liberty to the justices to apply within that period should normally be given.

Solicitors: Tyndallwoods & Millichip, West Bromwich; Cutts Shiers, Chesterfield.

Admitting defence documents

Regina v Mattey
Regina v Queeley

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Buckley

[Judgment October 10]

Where a defendant sought to have admitted a statement or statements under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, he should not have to prove the necessary requirements to the criminal standard of proof; the proper standard for a defendant to have to satisfy in those circumstances was the balance of probabilities.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeals of Jimmy Cyril Mattey and Juanita Amelia Queeley against their convictions on September 8, 1993 at Newport Crown Court, Gwent (Mr Recorder D. G. Morris and a jury) of affray; Queeley was also convicted of assault occasioning actual bodily harm. On October 29 they were both made subject to community service orders for 150 hours; Mattey was ordered to pay £150 towards the costs of the prosecution and Queeley £100 compensation to the victim of the assault.

Section 23 of the 1988 Act provides: "(1) . . . a statement made by a person in a document shall be admissible in criminal proceedings as evidence of any fact of which direct oral evidence by him would be admissible if— . . .

"(2) . . . (b) . . . (i) the person who made the statement is outside the United Kingdom; and (ii) it is not reasonably practicable to secure his attendance; . . ."

Mr Julian Howells, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants; Mr Hilary Roberts for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the convictions arose out of fighting in a public house in the early hours of New Year's Day 1993. The substance of the appeal concerned the recorder's decision to refuse to admit in evidence statements made by two witnesses who had been with the appellants in the public house.

What was sought to be proved before the recorder was that the couple could give evidence, having been present in the public house during the fighting, that they were in France, that unsuccessful attempts had been made to secure their attendance and thus that it was not reasonably practicable to secure their attendance.

The evidence that was called to that effect was effectively the evidence of Miss Queeley but it was common ground that in April 1993 the defendants' solicitors obtained properly signed witness statements from the couple, in which they went into some detail about what happened.

Their Lordships did not know whether in June, when the pleas were taken, a specific request was made for an order that the costs of bringing one or both witnesses to England would be made out of central funds, which seemed to be the proper source. They assumed it was not. It was regrettable that it was not canvassed at that time.

Miss Queeley's evidence was that she had telephoned the French lady in July and was told that it was impossible for the couple to return to give evidence. It was not so much that they were unwilling to pay the fares but that they could not afford to; neither could the appellants themselves, who were on income support.

The recorder said that he had to be satisfied to the criminal standard of proof and concluded that the requirements of section 23 were not satisfied; he said that Miss Queeley's evidence about the couple not being able to return was hearsay and that in any case, since there had been no contact since July, there was no evidence as to what the current position was.

For the appellants it was submitted that the recorder had misdirected himself. It was the normal rule that a defendant, in order to prove something which supported a defence to a criminal charge, particularly a statutory defence, did not have to prove it to the criminal standard but only on the balance of probabilities. That was clearly the case with regard to substantive evidence which tended to establish a defence: see *R v Carr-Briant* ([1944] 29 Cr App R 76, 87).

R v Case ([1991] Crim LR 192) was authority for the proposition that if the prosecution sought to have statements admitted under section 23, they had to prove the necessary requirements to the criminal standard of proof, but there was no authority one way or the other as to the onus upon a defendant who sought to have statements admitted under the section.

In both *Cross on Evidence* (7th edition (1990) pp[11/2] and *Phipson on Evidence* (14th edition (1990) p78) the opinion was expressed that the proper standard for a defendant to have to satisfy in those circumstances should be the balance of probabilities. Their Lordships agreed.

Accordingly, the recorder had erred in directing himself that he had to be satisfied to the criminal standard and moreover, in so far as he took the view that much of what Miss Queeley said was hearsay, he appeared not to have reminded himself that evidence that A had said something to B about A's state of mind was an exception to the hearsay rule.

However, Mr Roberts pointed out that although the recorder got the standard of proof wrong his conclusion was not based upon the evidence being hearsay but on the fact that he had no up-to-date evidence and the solicitors had not taken direct steps to ascertain whether it was possible to obtain the attendance to give evidence of at least one of those witnesses.

Their Lordships concluded that if the correct standard of proof had been applied the recorder would have come to the same conclusion, which was the correct conclusion to reach on the material before him.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Newport, Gwent.

Paying innocent's restraint order costs

In re W (Drug Trafficking) (Restraint Order: Costs)

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment July 11]

The public should, in principle, pay the costs of proceedings initiated by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 to restrain the assets of a defendant charged drug trafficking offences of which he was subsequently acquitted.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division, in a hearing in chambers reported with his Lordship's consent, allowing an application by W, who had been acquitted of drug trafficking offences, for costs incurred in proceedings for the restraint of his assets under section 8 of the 1986 Act to be paid by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

Mr Andrew R. Mitchell for the Customs and Excise; Mr William McCormick for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that the defendant said that he should normally recover his costs of the civil proceedings unless it could be shown that he had brought the prosecution upon himself in a way such as would disentitle him from getting his costs of the criminal proceedings.

The commissioners said that normally costs should not be awarded unless it was shown that they had behaved in a manner which was reprehensible or oppressive.

The problem was which of those two general approaches should prevail?

In the past the problem had been resolved by making costs payable out of central funds but that was no longer possible since *Holden & Co v Crown Prosecution Service (No 2)* (*The Times* May 28, 1993 (*sub nom, Steele Ford & Newton v CPS*); [1994] 1 AC 22).

Parliament had provided, in the public interest, that there should be a procedure whereby an accused person's assets could be frozen until trial. If the accused was acquitted, his assets were unfrozen. The question was: should the innocent individual pay the costs of taking part in proceedings initiated by the commissioners or should the public at large?

In his Lordship's judgment, it should be the public. Prosecutions were launched on the public's behalf and if someone was acquitted by the verdict of the jury then one could see in retrospect that he should not have been troubled in that manner.

There was no blame to be attached to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, but it seemed to his Lordship right that in principle the public should pay.

If the route of making costs payable out of central funds had been closed as a result of *Holden & Co*, then in those circumstances, the public ought to pay via the pocket of the commissioners.

The commissioners had submitted that they had no funds specifically allocated to meeting those potential costs orders, no doubt because they had not been made in the past because people had gone against central funds.

That might be, but then it was up to ministers to make the appropriate arrangements for funds to be made available.

The commissioners also said that if there was a potential liability to pay costs in the event of an acquittal that might cause them to hesitate as to whether or not to apply for a restraint order. That might be so, and someone had to balance the public interest in an individual case as to what the proper course was.

His Lordship could see no reason for not letting the defendant recover the costs of successfully resisting the restraint order proceedings brought by the commissioners.

He was recovering the costs of successfully resisting the criminal proceedings and his Lordship saw no reason why those quasi-civil and quasi-criminal proceedings should have a different answer.

His Lordship did not lay down an invariable rule, but that would be his approach.

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Maximum sentence anomaly

Regina v H (Sexual offence: Sentence)

Many people would consider it strange that indecent assault should carry five times the maximum sentence than that of unlawful sexual intercourse.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated on October 10, when, sitting with Mr Justice Potts and Mr Justice Sachs on October 10, the Court of Appeal allowed a sentence appeal by H, a man aged 49, by reducing a three-year prison sentence to two years.

Schedule 2 to the Sexual Offences Act 1956 provided a maximum punishment for an offence of unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 16, contrary to section 6 of the Act, of two years.

By section 3(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 1985, the sentence for an offence of indecent assault under section 14 of the 1956 Act was increased to 10 years, but no alteration was made to the maximum for a section 6 offence.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that there might well be many cases of unlawful sexual intercourse, particularly where an offender was a very young man that a sentence of two years might have seemed appropriate but there were other cases, and the present was one, where unlawful sexual intercourse was coupled with a breach of trust, or there might be other aggravating features.

It might be appropriate that Parliament should reconsider the maximum sentence for unlawful sexual intercourse. Many people would consider it strange that indecent assault should carry five times the length of maximum sentence than that for full unlawful sexual intercourse, but that had to be a matter for Parliament. Their Lordships merely drew it to the attention of the authorities.

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Lawyers and accountants unite

Stephen Charge makes a plea for more harmony between the warring professions when giving tax advice

The battle between lawyers and accountants for the tax consultancy market has become more hard fought than ever. Peter Wyman, head of tax at Coopers & Lybrand, seems to want to make tax consultancy an exclusive preserve of the accountants. Last February he wrote in *The Times*: "The only effective way to secure quality [tax advice for international business] is to have a multinational team from one organisation ... working truly as a team." He stated that only the largest firms of accountants could provide such teams, and that UK lawyers were unable to match the accountants' international network of offices.

Tony Angel and Tom Scott of Linklaters & Paines struck back in May. They argued that tax legislation is becoming too complex for non-lawyers to be able to cope, and questioned whether the dual role of accountants as tax advisers and as auditors was an unacceptable conflict of interest and made for an inability to give "truly objective tax advice".

Both sides are missing the point, which is that clients obtain the best tax advice when accountants and lawyers are co-operating with each other to provide it, rather than when only one type of adviser is involved. As someone who started his tax career at Arthur Andersen before joining solicitors Cameron Markby Hewitt, I suppose I am as well placed as anyone to comment on the relative merits of lawyers and accountants.

In practice, what matters is the skill of the individual who is advising the client.

The big difference between a typical tax accountant and a typical tax lawyer is that the former will have had extensive dealings with the Inland Revenue (on everything from the mundane to the ultra-complex) whereas the latter will generally have dealt with the Revenue directly only on very important transactions or very complex issues.

This provides the accountant with the substantial advantage of knowing how, in practice, an issue will be dealt with by the Revenue. I have spent many a fruitless hour arguing with a lawyer on the other side over whether wording in an obscure schedule to the draft contract will cause the Revenue to react in this way or that, when in practice there is virtually no chance that the Inspector will even read the wording in question. I don't have the same problem with accountants.



Stephen Charge looks for the best of both worlds

However, the accountants' familiarity with the ways of the Inland Revenue can be a liability as well as an asset. Too many tax accountants are obsessed with Revenue practice and are fearful of allowing a client to enter into a transaction which might cause the local Inspector offence. Some of the best tax planning depends upon being able to look at legislation with a fresh perspective, and to see the possibilities which come from what the legislation actually says. Many accountants simply can't bring themselves to go beyond how the Revenue routinely interprets the legislation in question, because they spend their life agreeing tax liabilities with the Revenue, rather than arguing them.

As business gets more complex and more international, it is no longer possible to be a first-class tax adviser without a sound understanding of commercial issues, accounting, how to integrate ideas into the other aspects of a commercial transaction, and the law. Top-quality tax advice cries out for both lawyers and accountants, as is shown by the increasing enthusiasm of law and accounting firms for people who can offer experience and qualifications from both professions.

From the client's perspective, paying for both a lawyer and an accountant to advise on tax may seem expensive and pointless — and if the two advisers fight like cats in a sack, it is. But where top-quality tax accountants and tax lawyers work together, they can produce ideas and advice exceeding anything that either could have achieved alone.

The author is a partner specialising in taxation law with Cameron Markby Hewitt, the City solicitors.

Preferring comfort and security to fun

THERE was much talk, back in the days before the recession, of how niche firms were the coming thing. In the legal profession particularly, small firms serving specialist markets sprang up all over the City. There was not so much activity on the accounting side. But those who took the plunge do seem to have done rather well. And enjoyed themselves into the bargain.

The question now is: will more niche accounting firms spring up as the recession recedes and, if so, how have the existing successes achieved it?

At Rees Pollock, a two-partner firm near St Paul's Cathedral, they have no doubt that chance played the greatest part in getting them out of a large firm and set up in their niche. It was the merger between Ernst & Whinney and Arthur Young that did it. The key point was that, during the merger process, partners were free to get out if they wished and were not hedged about with the traditional restrictions on taking or poaching clients. Simon Rees and Andy Pollock were running Arthur Young's business services unit then. "It was almost a classic management buyout," said Pollock. "We simply took out a non-core business." Now, they have their own audit-based specialist firm with 23 staff.



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Pollock reckons that much of their success in weathering the recession and growing the new business is to do with retaining the ethos of a big firm while offering the advantages of a small unit.

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After four years, most new work is coming through word of mouth via existing clients. And they are happy. "I've never enjoyed myself so much," Pollock will tell you. "From pits of despair to the greatest professional elation."

Another niche firm which sprang from the changes at the time of the E&Y merger is the tax practice of Adam Broke & Co. He set up a small office in Covent Garden in July 1990, and again the merger process helped. "They let me take my private clients with me," said Broke. And given it was private rather than corporate work that Broke wanted to do, that rather suited him. Like Rees Pollock, he set up before the recession had really started, but said: "We've been almost completely unaffected by it."

If anything, the recession helped. First, "it kept our overheads down". And second, "people start wanting to pay lower fees and move from the large firms to us". Where the real investment has come is in software and computers. Broke said he invested in running an efficient practice, and spent little on marketing. For the first six months, people Broke knew kept approaching him, saying the firm was a good idea and could they become clients. After that, it was a question of getting to know other firms of accountants, lawyers and stockbrokers and finding that business came in that way.

Like Rees Pollock, Adam Broke has had a clear view of sticking to basic advice as the core business. "We steadfastly do not provide investment advice," said Broke. And doing things that large firms think unprofitable or dull. "People always look surprised when I tell them we like doing trust accounts, their administration and compliance work, and that it is profitable," he said. Growth has been roughly 25 per cent a year and, again, like Rees Pollock, Broke says it has been "a lot of fun".

Those two were start-ups. But existing niche accounting firms have also done well. Smith & Williamson specialise in business services, such as investment management, unit trusts, banking and pensions. According to Ian Buckley, their chief executive, it has done them no harm at all through the recession. "In marked contrast to other firms," he said, "we have not made anyone redundant during the recession." Instead, they have been hiring senior people from other firms to help them to expand.

No one has much of an answer to why more groups or partners have not set up on their own. "Accountants are risk-averse and it was a very comfortable life in a Big Six firm," said Simon Rees. But whenever a firm such as Coopers goes for yet another tranche of redundancies, it shouldn't be just the older partners who are leaving. The youngest partners, which is where the numbers are most swollen, should be offering to leave and set up on their own. All that prevents them is the old problem of accountants preferring comfort and security to fun.

Doing sums for Fred and Barney

HARD on the heels of placing a bungy jumping director, Harrison Willis, the financial recruitment consultancy, has found a chartered accountant to work alongside Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble. Philip Whitecross will not be looking after the books at the famous quarrying company in Bedrock, but is taking on the role of group finance director at Copyright Promotions Group, which licenses the Flintstones characters. Whitecross, whose last job was with Crockfords, the casino operator, will now have to get used to a quite different set of "high net worth" individuals. Copyright Promotions is also responsible for marketing Tom and Jerry, Sonic the Hedgehog and Captain Scarlett, to name a few.

Tracy is tops

TRACY Lanning, an accountant at Westland Aerospace on the Isle of Wight, has come top of the league in the annual PASS/Harrison Willis Trainee Accountant of the Year competition. Lanning, 24, scooped £1,000 in prize money and the title of 1994 trainee accountant of the year. She also won the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants class — the second year running that a CIMA trainee has taken first place. Runner-up was Darren Garner from Berkshire, who works for Southern Electric.

Chance of travel

WORD of Tom Rose's departure from Coopers & Lybrand is, I gather, a little premature. Rose, it seems, is still firmly ensconced in the C&L press office before his move to Clifford Chance, the City law firm, where he starts as media relations manager on November 7. The chances are that he will be blowing the dust off his passport. In three years at C&L, the best Rose managed was an excursion to Manchester. In his first week with Clifford Chance, there is a distinct possibility that he will have a trip to Madrid. Olé.

AN appetising time is in store for Hugh Cade, senior partner of the leisure consultancy of Touche Ross. He has become the first British consultant to be appointed European chairman of Foodservice Consultants Society International (FCSI), an international body of independent catering consultants.

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Pacific	420.60	449.60	+ 5.80	0.02
Secs of America	398.90	426.60	+ 3.60	0.44
Worldwide Assct Val	46.13	51.45	+ 0.43	0.19
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	504.00	539.40	+ 4.70	2.41
Conv & Gilt	42.86	45.80	+ 0.45	4.78
Smaller Cos	160.90	172.00	+ 1.10	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	152.20	162.70†	+ 1.00	0.61
Recovery	131.00	140.00†	+ 1.00	1.86
Mer Min & Gdty	156.80	167.70	+ 0.40	0.84
Overs Earnings	338.90	359.00	+ 3.50	2.04
Technology	158.50	169.40†	+ 3.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	427.90	457.40†	+ 2.30	1.98

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911

Cntrctl Out Pens	93.95	97.61†	...	1.55
Fmndlm Pnsl Pens	60.31	62.65†	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
77 South Audley St. London W1Y 6DX
0171 600 0033

Capital	68.74	73.13	+ 1.43	1.93
International	62.13	66.10	+ 1.54	...

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court. Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

America	278.40	300.20*	+ 2.60	...
Bond	105.80	111.30*	+ 0.10	7.36
Brit Smlr Cos	98.54	103.70	+ 0.80	1.37
Comm & Gen	83.90	88.29	+ 0.52	5.43
Energy	430.90	460.80	+ 2.00	0.22
Europe	223.70	238.80	+ 2.60	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	102.90	109.80	+ 1.30	0.69
Income Growth	329.60	351.80*	+ 2.90	4.49
Japan	339.00	360.10*	+ 4.90	...
Pacific	109.90	116.90	+ 1.00	0.73
UK Smlr Cos	50.16	53.36	+ 0.24	0.92
Japan Fd	766.80	791.70	+ 9.90	...
Mngd Fd	167.00	177.70†	+ 2.40	3.04

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
36 Queen St. London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8672

Brit & Overs	274.40	289.30	+ 2.50	...
Capital Gwth	107.60	113.30	...	2.36
Wwide Opps	179.80	188.30	...	0.42

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544
Balanced Trusts

Bal Inv Fd Inc	335.40	349.30	+ 4.80	2.65
European Bal Inc	97.77	90.65	+ 0.26	3.15
Earnings	71.98	76.18	+ 0.77	4.30
Financial	70.04	74.91	+ 1.37	2.77
500th	431.90	461.90*	+ 2.93	2.36
General	259.40	278.00*	+ 3.50	2.68
Property	250.10	267.50	...	5.96
Trustee	174.60	186.90	+ 2.80	2.34
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.10*	...	4.67
Extra Income	111.70	119.40*	+ 1.50	4.14
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.40	59.25*	+ 0.19	6.92
Income	504.50	539.50*	+ 6.60	4.15
Income Builder	90.67	94.55†	+ 0.93	4.87
Intl Income	62.31	66.29	+ 0.59	3.99
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.10	119.60	+ 1.60	2.68
Leisure	115.40	123.40	+ 1.70	1.28
Recovery	395.00	422.50	+ 4.70	2.49
Smllr Cos Inc	90.91	43.87	+ 0.14	1.98
Special Sits	266.40	295.40	+ 3.60	1.58
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.30	130.90	+ 1.70	0.64
Asia Acc	243.50	259.00	+ 0.50	2.03
Aust Inc	151.80	161.00	+ 2.30	3.03
Euro Gwth Inc	144.50	153.40	+ 2.10	0.62
Japan & Gen Inc	199.70	201.90*	+ 3.30	...
Japan Spec Sits	88.45	93.44	+ 3.04	...
Pac Bsn Trst Inc	79.60	83.53	+ 1.22	0.21
Worldwide	170.30	180.90	+ 2.90	0.54

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 156, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2UQ
0442 876 9002

American Growth	89.43	95.06	+ 1.22	...
Amer Smllr Cos	175.00	184.30	+ 2.90	...
Cash Fund	30.17	30.17	...	...
Convertibles	94.36	99.13*	+ 0.29	5.91
Eastern	292.30	315.00	+ 5.40	0.10
Equity Income	86.24	91.74	+ 1.35	4.90
European Growth	283.40	301.70	+ 2.90	1.10
Europe	212.60	226.50	+ 1.70	0.60
German Growth	69.58	74.25	+ 1.13	0.10
Global Bond	69.74	64.09	+ 0.25	5.90
Global Growth	125.25	131.70	+ 1.66	...
Japan Growth	213.60	228.30	+ 2.60	...
Japan Smaller	198.50	200.70	+ 2.80	...
Korea Trust	89.14	96.18	+ 0.95	...
Portfolio	129.30	137.50	+ 1.60	1.60
UK Growth	62.69	66.06	+ 0.80	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	75.72	81.05	+ 0.56	1.50
Select Managers	72.56	77.70	+ 0.90	1.10

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
20-24 Old Street. London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3000

Intl Gwth Port Inc	76.01	80.86	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.88	59.45	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gillespie St. London EC1A 4DE 071 236 6441

Special Sits	131.10	139.00	+ 0.30	1.44
Dlstd Inc	80.58	86.18	+ 0.46	3.95
Int Gilt & Inc	207.60	222.00	+ 1.50	7.11
UK & Gen	62.29	65.29	+ 0.45	1.50
Fund of Funds	63.27	67.67*	+ 0.46	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Rothwell Street. Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6020

Balanced Growth	103.90	109.36†	+ 1.48	1.78
Smaller Cos	100.09	105.92	+ 0.96	1.31
Higher Yield	42.78	45.27†	+ 0.55	3.65
American Gth Inc	68.83	72.84	+ 0.98	...
European Growth	134.45	141.06†	+ 2.21	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.99	27.45	+ 0.09	6.52
Mngd Ptflio Inc	41.15	43.53†	+ 0.47	1.90
Int Spec Opps	115.10	121.30	+ 1.70	0.44
Pacific Gwth	132.41	140.33	+ 0.26	...
Formerly LAS				
Uk General	73.41	77.68	+ 1.25	2.09
Japan	66.59	70.46	+ 1.42	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	42.37	44.89†	+ 0.17	6.29

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St. London EC3M 5AL
071 488 7216

Short Dated Gilt	63.71	64.54	+ 0.06	6.60

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105. Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5000

Environ	146.10	155.50	+ 1.00	1.64
UT Growth	156.50	166.70	+ 2.70	2.31
UK Income	125.20	133.20*	+ 1.50	4.53

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 122

Can Gen Dist	180.30	191.10	+ 3.20	2.07
Can Income Dist	104.20	110.49	+ 1.30	4.53
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.61	40.93	+ 0.20	5.65

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
17 Fountain Street. Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

American & Gen	145.70	155.00†	+ 2.10	...
European Inc	75.24	79.80	+ 0.66	0.39
Smaller Cos Nl-11	77.32	82.26†	+ 0.02	1.91
Growth	400.00	425.60†	+ 5.70	2.57
Income & Growth	388.10	413.00	+ 6.30	4.02
Japan & Gen	77.12	81.88	+ 1.71	...
Master Portfolio	£101.63	£105.84†	+£1.06	1.96
Special Sits	92.56	98.57	+ 1.23	2.33
High Yield	£12.70	£13.10	+£2.00	4.43

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 225 4477 Dealings: 0500 333 661

American Gwth Tst	54.60	57.40	+ 0.58	0.27
Cash Income	62.69	62.69	+ 0.01	5.01
European Gwth	38.63	41.17	+ 0.56	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	25.86	27.65†	+ 0.37	4.48
Intnl Gwth	30.48	32.50	+ 0.39	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.96	30.97	+ 0.36	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.00	50.26	+ 0.65	1.01
Oriental Opps Inc	147.30	157.50	+ 2.40	...
Property Shares	37.94	40.57	+ 0.08	0.61
Smaller Cos	29.81	31.88	+ 0.06	1.60
UK Growth Tst	24.60	26.31	+ 0.26	2.37
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.32	75.40	+ 0.92	1.38
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.02	70.60	+ 1.33	2.48
Exempt (I)	29.84	30.70	...	1.79
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	138.60	148.20†	+ 1.80	1.67
Foundation	87.75	93.84†	+ 0.70	2.39
German	58.19	53.43	+ 0.58	...
High Income	71.49	76.49†	+ 1.0	5.76
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	90.27	85.89†	+ 0.69	4.11

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 1708

Cazenove Portfolio	80.04	85.36	+ 0.61	2.37
American Portfolio	85.95	91.57	+ 0.57	1.24
European Portfolio	91.17	97.09	+ 0.77	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	69.81	74.23	+ 1.25	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.71	153.46	+ 0.92	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	72.34	77.35*	+ 0.69	3.66
Utility & Bond	54.94	55.47	+ 0.25	6.13

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
8 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000
UK General Tst | 67.11 | 67.13 | + 0.00 | 2.98

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 537 7667

Intl Growth	131.20	142.63	...	...
UK Income	105.40	114.57	...	5.233

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Beckman Intl	71.07	75.30†	+ 1.11	2.35
Beck Bio-Tech	25.72	28.07	...	...
Beck Ethical Tst	150.36	158.29	...	1.33
City Fin Assets	66.89	71.16†	...	1.71
City Fin America	80.06	84.27	- 0.50	...
City Fin Intl	76.04	80.67	+ 1.15	0.49
City Fin Japan	174.99	184.09	+ 1.45	...
Friars Hse Inc	256.05	270.86	...	1.54
Friary Hse Inc	192.17	204.44	...	3.98
Buckley Wrld Gwth	132.50	140.48†	+ 1.30	0.06
Fairmnt Cap Gth	138.77	146.07	...	...
Inc & Gth	104.75	110.26	...	1.63
Fairmount Intl	156.32	164.56	...	...
City Fin Ptflo Inc	53.66	56.45	...	4.36

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets | 57.80 | 61.33 | + 0.59 | ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

American Gwth	53.67	57.40	+ 0.86	...
Allas Mngd Gwth	36.41	38.94	+ 0.60	0.25
Dragon Growth	72.10	77.11	+ 0.64	0.25
Equity Inc Tst	79.15	84.20†	+ 0.75	4.25
European Gwth	48.72	51.83	+ 0.76	0.83
Evergreen	28.69	30.65	+ 0.37	...
General Equity	79.22	84.05	+ 1.38	2.60
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.40	24.67†	+ 0.11	6.33
Japan Growth	54.72	58.55	+ 0.74	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.33	51.41	+ 0.68	2.66
Prd Sm Cos Inc	30.11	32.05	+ 0.10	1.11
Retirement Inc	24.97	26.71	+ 0.31	5.63
Special Sits	36.20	38.81	+ 2.48	1.84
UK & Overseas	47.16	50.17	+ 0.88	1.08

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 838 800

Capital	63.78	68.23†	+ 1.15	2.33
Income	57.69	61.87†	+ 0.85	4.28

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9888
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.99	161.69†	+ 2.86	5.55
Fixed & Convertible	38.37	40.82†	+ 0.08	7.71
Monthly Inc Plus	46.44	49.40	+ 0.10	9.07
Preference Share	44.79	47.65†	+ 0.05	7.70
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	118.4o	126.02†	+ 1.91	7.42
Managed Fund	64.78	68.91†	+ 0.93	2.58
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.54	41.00	+ 0.20	1.66
UK & General	75.51	80.33†	+ 2.61	2.39
UK Growth	133.40	141.91	+ 2.36	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.92	194.60	+ 2.46	0.25
Far Eastern Gwth	139.10	147.98	+ 1.84	...
Global Bond	74.26	79.00†	+ 0.38	6.34
Japan Growth	129.31	137.56	+ 2.80	...
North Amer Gwth	151.68	161.36	+ 3.50	...
Oriental Growth	80.40	85.53	+ 2.60	...
Worldwide Growth	62.50	66.49†	+ 1.18	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.53	91.53†	+ 0.01	4.64
Homemaker Fund	75.05	79.84	+ 1.34	1.89
Quilter Fund	134.42	132.36	+ 2.35	2.96

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

Growth Inc	36.14	38.72	+ 0.81	3.00
High Income	32.08	34.12†	+ 0.43	4.60
Japan	37.58	39.97	+ 0.76	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.88	31.78	+ 0.16	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.34	33.34	+ 0.17	2.40
North American	32.06	34.10	+ 0.62	0.40
European	35.67	37.94	+ 0.48	0.40

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd. London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

Consistent UT	28.90	31.05	...	3.48

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St. Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 388

Growth	137.30	146.10	+ 1.30	2.01
Income	68.77	73.16	+ 0.73	5.05
European	59.29	63.08	+ 0.50	0.94
Recovery	143.60	152.80	+ 2.00	1.52

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
28-30 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist | 769.50 | 783.40† | ... | 4.08

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex
0277 890 370

Fellowship Tst	67.26	71.55	+ 0.55	1.35
Income	228.70	243.30	+ 1.80	4.55
Smaller Cos	144.60	153.80	+ 0.40	0.90
Inv Portfolio	75.77	80.60	+ 1.23	1.48
High Income Port	65.51	69.69	+ 0.05	4.98

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
105 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0777

Euro Small Cos	£14.92	£15.29	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£12.70	£12.96	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.20	£17.91	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.29	£15.74	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street. London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

Disc Inc	201.60	212.20	...	2.53

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

European Gwth	262.40	278.00	- 4.70	1.00
New Asia	225.90	239.60*	- 4.60	...
Japan Growth	139.10	137.40*	+ 2.30	...
Jap Smllr Cos	539.20	572.30	+ 7.50	...
Sub Amer	240.00	254.40	+ 3.20	0.93
Shifrd Asia Pac M	124.30	131.50	+ 1.40	0.34
Uk Inc & Grth	203.50	217.20*	+ 0.80	2.77

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	134.70	143.30	+ 2.10	1.87
UK High Inc Inc	134.70	143.90	+ 2.10	4.68
UK Prf & F I Inc	99.40	105.70	+ 1.40	5.28
Envrnmntl Opps	79.73	84.82	+ 0.95	1.11

EDINBURGH UNIT MGRS LTD
37 Hanoverfield Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

American	117.10	124.30	+ 1.30	1.41
Convertibles	20.31	21.58*	+ 0.22	7.41
Equity Income	121.20	128.80*	+ 1.60	4.11
EuroFund	43.54	46.13	+ 0.41	0.43
Financial	44.61	47.40*	+ 0.62	1.69
Growth & Inc	222.40	236.30	+ 3.50	3.26
High Dist	148.30	158.00	+ 2.00	6.75
International	396.10	420.90	+ 5.50	0.12
Int Cap Inc	93.36	99.66*	+ 1.03	3.01
Latin American	89.27	92.35	+ 0.47	...
Pacific	90.56	96.25*	+ 0.72	...
Preference Share	21.41	22.75†	+ 0.04	7.25
Tokyo	243.50	258.30*	+ 4.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	215.40	228.70	+ 1.00	1.21

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
3b Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL
071 242 0262

Elcon Trust	204.54	216.75	+ 4.99	1.07

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Endurance Fd	193.70	206.10†	...	0.52

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QW
0296 431 480

European	76.17	80.18	+ 0.15	1.75
Ethical Tst	44.59	46.94	+ 0.32	1.15
Far Eastern	200.68	206.19	+ 2.70	1.50
High Income	129.77	135.55	+ 1.12	4.77
Intl Growth	118.72	124.97	+ 0.54	1.70
North American	106.33	111.93†	+ 0.86	1.14
Pelican	111.55	117.42†	+ 1.26	3.34
Smaller Cos	64.38	71.58	+ 0.49	2.25
Special Sits	85.41	89.91†	+ 0.44	2.58
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.16	191.75	+ 1.45	1.45

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	208.29	213.77†	+ 0.25	1.39
Smaller Cos Acc	394.16	374.13†	+ 0.45	1.39
Recovery	52.26	54.86	+ 0.09	1.19
Recovery Acc	52.42	54.60	+ 0.09	1.19

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 413 144

Balanced	105.83	112.58	+ 0.28	6.92
Capital Growth	80.83	86.15†	+ 1.42	2.86
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.54	47.51	+ 0.41	0.61
High Income	44.76	47.54†	+ 0.22	9.68
Warrant	36.87	61.81†	+ 0.52	...
Zero Preference	34.56	36.67	+ 0.01	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 207

Family Assct Tst	73.86	78.35*	+0.550	2.49
Family Income Tst	40.69	46.96†	+0.580	5.72
Family Trust	93.91	99.57†	...	1.09
United Charities	251.50	267.80*	+3.500	2.71

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 181
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 191

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.61
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	36.01	36.39†	+ 0.03	8.18

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %

Intl Bond	37.02	39.05	+ 0.20	5.44
Income Funds				
High Income	24.78	26.09†	+ 0.10	5.42
Income Plus	100.80	106.80	+ 1.20	5.76
Amer Eq Inc	45.40	48.09†	+ 0.67	1.05
European Income	41.21	43.69	+ 0.55	2.19
Far East Inc	62.15	66.22	+ 0.82	2.36
Global Convertible	22.08	23.56†	+ 0.14	3.80
UK Div Gnth	23.07	24.58	+ 0.36	1.29
Equity Funds				
Assets	66.



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Tom Courtenay: will his performance in Moscow Stations be bettered on stage this year?

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Mitsuko Uchida turns her famed pianism to the task of winning friends for Schoenberg



Rhinestones have a gay old time

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** has a fun experience camping in the Australian desert, and a harrowing one looking through the eyes of the dissident Chinese Zhang Yimou

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
MGM Haymarket
15, 104 mins
Camp musical comedy, joyful and vulgar

To Live
Curzon West End, 12, 125 mins
Enthralling family epic from Zhang Yimou

Sparrow
Odeon Haymarket
12, 107 mins
Zeffirelli stuck in a rut

Geronimo
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue
12, 115 mins
Mournful account of the Apache warrior's capture

War of the Buttons
Warner West End
PG, 94 mins
Damp whimsy from David Puttnam

Threesome
Warner West End, 18, 93 mins
Smart American college comedy

In a crowded week, the jolliest film, without doubt, is **The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert**. Rude it may be: this is inevitable when two Australian drag queens and a transsexual get stranded in the outback en route to a gig in Alice Springs, an area not renowned for men in dresses. But the tone is always friendly, while the cabaret team's costumes and accessories keep the eyes popping.

Feather head-dresses and floral effusions soar up from foreheads in lurid colours. Swirls of chiffon wave in the wind. The transsexual, Terence Stamp, turns heads as he flutters long fingernails, thrusts out his bosom (two water-filled balloons) and throws sultry looks from behind ash-blond locks. "Nice night for it," says an Aborigine benignly, stumbling upon an impromptu rehearsal after their bus conks out in the desert. *Priscilla* encourages such tolerance.

Frauds, the previous film by director Stephan Elliott, was an over-decorated fantasy, something to ogle at coldly. But *Priscilla* draws you inside, makes you share the fun, the bitching and heartbreak; even when the plot creaks, it never seems mechanical. Priscilla herself is of minor importance: she is the second-hand bus, painted lavender to hide anti-gay graffiti. Far more important are Bernadette, Mitzi and Felicia, played by Stamp, Hugo Weaving (from *Proof*) and Guy Pearce (a *Neighbours* heart-throb) with the necessary gay abandon.

To Elliott, drag queens are a repository for "the style, the glitz, the glamour, the pain" that once found expression in Hollywood musicals. The film's own music plays a key role: Abba, Village People, Gloria Gaynor and an aria from *La Traviata* help lift the soundtrack's spirits. Prudes may wince and blush at *Priscilla*. The rest will give thanks for a vulgar, joyful entertainment.

A shadow puppet performance is unfolding in China in 1947. Without warning, a knife cuts through the screen to reveal an army, breathing fire on the other side. This is just the kind of cinematic shock we expect from Zhang Yimou, the "Fifth Generation" Chinese director whose reputation soared in the West with the visual splendours of *Ju Dou* and, particularly, *Raise the Red Lantern*.

For the most part, however, his new film **To Live** continues the stylistic retreat from audacious imagery begun in *The Story of Qui Ju*. In place of knives that tear through screens, colour symbolism and camera ballets, Zhang concentrates on the characters' faces: humble faces, struggling to survive through each twist and turn of Chinese history in the decades after 1945. Civil war. The Great Leap Forward. The Cultural Revolution. Zhang's hero Fugui, an amiable spendthrift who gambles away the family fortune, survives them all through luck and expediency.

Family epics have become a preoccupation for Asia's leading directors. But where *The Blue Kite* and *Farewell My Concubine* kept a degree of aesthetic distance, Zhang aims to mingle with his characters and reproduce the flow of life. Gong Li, the director's regular muse, is Fugui's steadfast wife; but it is Ge You's alert, scrawny face that dominates as the simple hero battling to stay ahead in a game where the rules keep changing.

When *To Live* was screened at Cannes, Chinese authorities huffed and puffed. They have since banned Zhang from working on foreign co-productions for five years, putting a temporary stop to *Shanghai Triad*, his latest venture (*see interview below*). But *To Live* itself hardly warrants the government's iron fist: the criticisms made of Mao's personality cult and other excesses fade beside the agonies suffered in Tian Zhuangzhuang's *The Blue Kite*.

"Perennially hopeful in the face of difficulties and hard times: that is what living is all about," Zhang has stated. *To Live* expresses such optimism with unforced beauty, great sympathy and humour.

"Isn't it all so beautiful?" young Maria murmurs in **Sparrow**, gazing across the villa gardens to Mount Etna. Of course, my dear: you are in a Franco Zeffirelli film, where the pretty sights range from the setting sun to the male lead's eyebrows, and camerawork veils images in a soft-focus blur.

At least Zeffirelli is consistent. After *Romeo and Juliet* and *Endless Love*, he has tracked down another pair of thwarted young lovers to a novel by Giovanni Verga. Maria (American newcomer Angela Bettis) is a 19-year-old in 19th-century Sicily, placed in a convent by her stepmother. Nino (another discovery, Jonathon Schaech) is a young family friend. One look between them, and the charm of the wimple fades.

The trouble is, you don't believe a word of it. Although *Sparrow* was shot in authentic settings, it comes stocked with familiar British faces, from Vanessa Redgrave to Frank Finlay. You can visualise them in the dubbing studio, standing next to the chap with the horses' hooves. This should have been a stirring drama of passion found and lost; instead we get pretty images, nice period clothes, and actors lost on assignment.

With a gung-ho director like Walter Hill and a title like **Geronimo**, audiences should not be bored. But it is difficult to stop shifting position as this ambitious but turgid account of the US Army's final push against the Apache legend treads its stately way. No humour lightens the path: and, for all the skirmishes, there is little sense of drama to push the film forward. In the bad old days, when Hollywood Indians were painted devils, it was easy to whip up excitement. But now they are Native Americans, victims of genocide, and require careful handling. Hill seems overwhelmed by the sadness of it all, although the script's viewpoint remains that of sympathetic whites rather than the hounded Indians themselves. Jason Patric tops the cast as the lieutenant ordered to bring in the warrior; Wes Studi makes a grim-faced Geronimo, while stalwarts Gene Hackman and Robert Duvall add salt and pepper to an otherwise stodgy meal.

These days, you never know what to expect from producer David Puttnam. A globe-trotting epic? A superior Euro pudding? Or wilting low-budget whimsy with a young director and a cast of kids? This is **War of the Buttons**. The quaint story about child rivalries first appeared on screen in Yves Robert's 1962 film *La Guerre des Boutons*. With one wave of Puttnam's wand, Brittany became southwest Ireland, and Colin Welland was hired to deck the script with words like "tosspot".

Even experienced directors find casts of children difficult, and John Roberts, a National Film and Television School graduate, copes well with the challenge. But the film, sadly, still seems too small and damp to ignite many box-office fires outside Ireland.

Finally, **Threesome**, in which three California college kids, two male, one female, lark around, eat pizza and explore their sexuality. Writer-director Andrew Fleming has a good line in quips, and his actors — Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin and Josh Charles — sparkle so brightly that you almost forget they are all too old for their parts.



Tossing another prejudice on the barbie, Hugo Weaving, Terence Stamp and Guy Pearce make living in the outback a joyful drag

Silenced by the wall of China

Before going behind the bamboo curtain, Zhang Yimou, director of *To Live*, spoke to **David Robinson**

Zhang Yimou is the latest, and most prominent, victim of China's repressive new cultural policies. Three weeks ago the Hong Kong press reported that he has been banned from working on foreign co-productions for five years and that his current project, *Shanghai Triad*, a French-Chinese co-production, has been halted. Moreover Zhang and Gong Li, his star and lover, are prohibited from visiting film festivals abroad.

We met in a hotel off the Champs-Elysées the day before he last returned to China, and just as the Cannes Film Festival was preparing to premiere his new film, *To Live*. Lean, tough and looking his 44 years, he struggled to be open without making statements that might make his situation worse.

With two Oscar nominations for best foreign film and a host of top international awards he could, of course, find work anywhere in the world; but an expatriate career clearly does not attract this most Chinese of directors. "They have asked me to return. I cannot refuse," he said.

At Cannes, *To Live* (shown without official authorisation) won the grand jury prize and the best actor prize. Neither director nor star was allowed to attend the festival.

To outsiders it seems anomalous that, having disclaimed the Cultural Revolution, the authorities should still react like this against films that expose the corruption and cruelties of the period. "Their *reasoning*", Zhang said, "is that China should forget this unfortunate history. People must not be reminded of it."

Zhang remembers it only too well. He still recalls vividly the fear and hunger of the period called the Great Leap Forward. When the Cultural Revolution erupted he was taken out of secondary school and sent to work, first on farms and then, from 1971 to 1978, in a spinning mill. He sold his blood to buy a still camera and taught himself to be a photographer. After the Cultural Revolution he fought successfully to win a place at the Peking Film Academy despite several rejections on the grounds that, at 27, he was too old.

He was cinematographer on Chen Kaige's *Yellow Earth* and *The Big Parade* and had a brief career as an actor before winning the Golden Bear in Berlin with *Red Sorghum*, his first film as a director. Subsequently *Ju Dou* and *Raise the Red Lantern* each scored the odd double of Oscar nominations and official bans in China.

To Live is adapted from a Chinese best-seller: all Zhang's films have been adapted from literary works. "It's rather like cooking," he said. "You don't enjoy dishes you cook yourself as much as you do other people's cooking. I loved Yu Hua's novel at first sight. The writer comes down to the level of the people, the way they think and live, and that is what I wanted my film to do.

"The ending of the novel was much more bleak than the film. I preferred an ending where people return to the basic things of life. It is a very Chinese characteristic never to despair, but to cling to hope."

Zhang is nicknamed "the democratic director" because of his preference for creative collaboration. He prefers to keep much the same crew from film to film, although he used a new cinematographer for *To Live*. "I wanted a much less consciously ornate style than I used in *Raise the Red Lantern*. I wanted the characters to dominate.

"We show the shadow puppetry which is a key feature in the story quite a lot, but we're not strict in observing the hallowed conventions of Chinese shadow theatre. The shadow sequences are a useful way for the actors to express their emotions."

The disciplining of Zhang almost certainly represents the end of the flowering of Chinese cinema, films made possible only by co-production with other Asian cinema industries — Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Their runaway independence, political outspokenness and international success finally proved intolerable to the Peking authorities. At the end of last year new regulations ruled that China must be the principal partner in any co-production, and that negatives may only be processed and edited inside the country. *To Live*, co-produced with Taiwan, got away only because the contracts were already signed when the regulations came into force.

A new blacklist also specifies a group of internationally known independent directors with whom it is illegal for any Chinese production or service company to work.



Zhang Yimou keeps the red flag of freedom flying in *To Live*

Overture to musical reform?

The BBC and the Arts Council have issued a report outlining disturbing weaknesses in British orchestral life

It contains no recommendations, is couched in studiously moderate language, and avoids sensationalist speculation about super-orchestras or mergers. But the consultation document launched yesterday by the BBC and the Arts Council may be the long-awaited overture to fundamental changes in Britain's troubled orchestras. In a week that has seen the self-destruction of one top orchestra's board of trustees (the London Philharmonic), the report could not be better timed.

In 107 pages of close statistical analysis it paints a disturbing picture of symphonic *malaise*. *Falling box-office* revenue, reduced sponsorship, a 25 per cent decline in recording sessions over two years, high fixed costs, pointless duplication in big cities, the sorry neglect of music-lovers elsewhere, inflexible working practices . . . all these are identified as reasons for the disastrous decline of orchestras that seemed to be riding high in the 1980s. "Economic reality now suggests that change is inevitable," the document says, although it stops short of spelling out precisely what changes should be made.

Instead, it sets a three-month timetable during which an independent chairman (Dr Janet Ritterman, principal of the Royal College of Music) will receive the orchestras' responses. "Change must be organic and not imposed, gradual and not revolutionary," the report states, perhaps mindful of the Hoffmann committee fiasco that wrecked London's orchestral life last year. Any changes decided by the BBC and Arts Council will not come into effect until the 1996-97 season. The main concerns *identified are*:

● **Imbalance between different regions.** Although 348 venues throughout the country are used for professional concerts, just eight of them account for 39 per cent of all performances. In the London region, the amount of annual public subsidy spent on orchestral music per head of population is 62p, whereas in East Anglia it is 8p, and as low as 6p in the South-East outside London.

● **Repertoire and audience development.** While the report acknowledges the progress made in programming adventurous repertoire, it also notes the decline in audiences, and the subsequent attempts by venues such as the Festival Hall to diversify away from orchestral concerts. "Reducing supply is a sure way of reducing demand," it warns. "This is an issue the South Bank will have to watch carefully."

● **Overlap between BBC orchestras and those funded by the Arts Council.** Both bodies are revealed to spend about £15 million each on their orchestras, but there are direct duplications — notably in London, where the BBC Symphony Orchestra and four independent orchestras are based, and in Manchester where the BBC Philharmonic competes with the Hallé. Although the document emphasises the special contemporary-music role of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, it is significantly less defensive of the BBC Philharmonic.

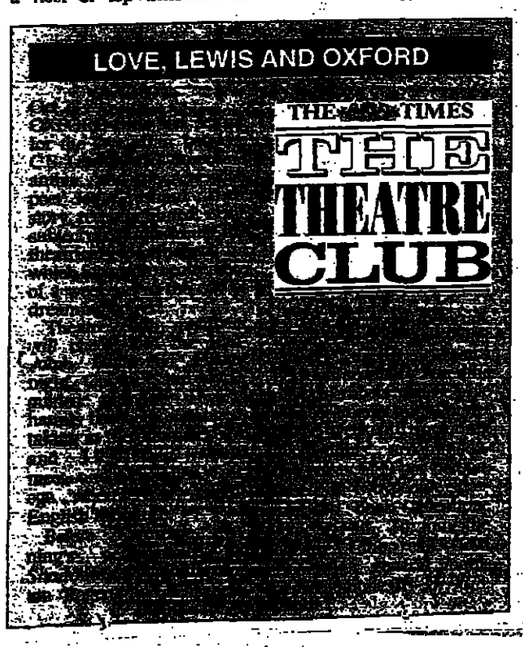
"There are, of course, major implications in relocation for orchestras, in terms of personnel, integration with local life and, for the broadcasting orchestras, support requirements such as studios," the document states. "But if the end result could be a more flourishing artistic enterprise, these problems should be grasped."

● **Inflexible working conditions.** This, is particularly identified as a problem in regional orchestras which are still bound to a 25-year-old Musicians Union agreement. "The future of contracted employment as a way of running orchestras may be dependent on developing more flexible working practices," it says. "Dialogue with the Musicians Union on a radical basis would be a valuable starting point."

As a *melancholy coda*, the document publishes an appendix surveying all the unsuccessful attempts to reform orchestras in the last 30 years: more than a dozen of them. It makes sober reading. The difference today is that many orchestras are staring ruin in the face. Indeed, most are being undercut on their own doorsteps by the foreign orchestras that now tour Britain almost weekly. Perhaps, this time, desperation will overcome the fear of change.

RICHARD MORRISON

● *For a copy of the consultation document, send 77p in stamps to BBC/Arts Council Review, PO Box 7, London W3 6XL*





TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DAS RHEINGOLD/DIE WALKÜRE: A potentially electric combination of conductor and producer marks the opening of the only British Wagner cycle scheduled for this decade. Bernard Haitink adds his Wagnerian brilliance to a top-flight international cast and the unpredictable Richard Jones and his designer Nigel Lowery see to the rest. Be prepared for anything.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 5.30pm.

ON APPROVAL. Opening night for Peter Hall's production of the Lonsdale evergreen about two ill-assorted couples. With Anna Carteret, Martin Jarvis, Louise Lombard, Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

HENRY PURCELL FESTIVAL: A celebration for a contender to the throne of "England's greatest composer" opens tonight, a year early for the tercentenary of his death. The young conductor Robert King and his King's Consort offer up a mixed programme of choral and orchestral pieces.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm.

JAMES MCNEILL WHISTLER: The largest show of the artist's works since his death in 1903 goes on display today, totalling some 75 paintings and 120 works on paper. Particular emphasis is placed on four themes: the *Nocturnes*, Whistler's work as a designer and decorator, the Venetian and other pastels and the full-length portraits. Not-to-be-missed highlights include his three "Symphony in White" pictures, a rarely seen cartoon for the Peacock Room and his watercolour studies of blue and white porcelain.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-887 8000). Today until Jan 8.

ELSEWHERE

READING: Imogen Cooper joins the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** tonight and tomorrow for a programme that includes Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2 and *Fidelio* overture and Schubert's Symphony No 9 "The Great". Günther Herbig conducts.
Hexagon, Queen's Walk (0734 591591). Tonight, 7.30pm. Tomorrow, Northguild Civic Centre, **Southampton** (0703 632601).

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON. Steven Pimlott directs the third RSC production to start previews this week. Alex Jennings and Stella Gonet play the will-be rapist and the would-be nun of **Measure for Measure**.
Royal Shakespeare (0789 295623). Previews at 7.30pm; opens Oct 20.

MANCHESTER: In Robert Lepage's latest work-in-progress, **Seven Streams of the River Ota**, Hiroshima's river carries a young woman on an epic journey through the 20th century — Prague, Nazi Germany, Paris, New York, Hiroshima. First seen at this year's Edinburgh Festival.
Upper Campfield Market, Liverpool Road (061-242 2555). Tonight-Sat, 7pm, mat Sat 2pm.

GLASGOW: Philip Prowse directs **Private Lives**, with Rupert Everett interestingly cast as Victor plus Sophie Ward, Victoria Scarborough and Greg Hicks. To be joined in rep by Tennessee Williams's *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*.
Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Free preview tonight, 7.30pm, opens tomorrow. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Oct 22 and then again Nov 15-19.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141). **British Museum:** Pre-Raphaelite Drawings; New European Applied Arts Galleries (071-636 1555). **Courtauld:** Conrad Felixmüller (071-873 2526). **Hayward:** Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144). **National Portrait Gallery:** Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055). **National Gallery:** Ideas Personified (071-839 3321). **Royal Academy:** The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438). **Serpentine:** Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075). **V & A:** Kitaj Prints (071-938 8500). **Whitechapel:** Miquel Barceló (071-522 7888).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **BEAUTIFUL THING:** Jonathan Harvey's award-winning and touching play about teenage love, gay and straight, on a London council estate.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm.

■ **THE COUNTRY WIFE:** Max Stafford-Clark's stern vision of the harsh truths of Restoration immorality. Some laughs included.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm.

◪ **DR KNOCK:** Geoffrey Beevers takes the title role in Jules Romains' celebrated comic satire on the medical profession and public gullibility. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence St, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Oct 13, 20, 27, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **THE GREEN PARAKEET:** Schnitzler's one-act play, set in a Paris tavern catering for aristos with a taste for low life. Meanwhile, crowds are gathering at the Bastille.
Greenwich Studio, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Tue-Sun, 8pm, until Nov 13.

◪ **KING LEAR:** Award-winning Lancashire company Kaboodle play central London for the first time with its dynamic, highly visual production.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC1 (071-388 8822). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7pm, until Oct 29.

◪ **THE MORTAL ASH:** Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family, victims of a hate campaign. Perceptive and warm, well worth seeing.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND:** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

□ **900 ONEONTA:** David Beaird's Gothic shock-horror satire of a rotten Southern family steeped in sex and incompetence. Totally over the top but weirdly exhilarating.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND:** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical, transferred from Birmingham Rep. Showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage; terrific island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 6pm, 8.45pm, mat Wed, 3pm.

◪ **THE QUEEN AND I:** Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Originally produced at the Leicester Haymarket and the Royal Court, Max Stafford-Clark directs. Paula Wilcox plays the Queen.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm.

◪ **RUTHERFORD AND SON:** Bob Peck plays the implacable father of the firm and head of the family in welcome revival of Githa Sowerby's excellent play, dating from 1912. Katie Mitchell directs.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG:** Greenwich Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

■ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE:** David Suchet's sublimely funny performance as Sid Field. William Humble's superior stage bio of a comic genius, first staged at The Drum, Plymouth, earlier this year.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800). ◪ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044). □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072). □ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972). □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951). ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070). ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045). ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060). □ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404). □ **Lady Windermere's Fan:** Albery (071-867 1115). ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909). ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400). □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). □ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (071-836 8888). □ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055). □ **The Winslow Boy:** Globe (071-494 5065). ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FUNNY MAN (18): Tiresome low-budget British horror comic, with Tim James as a real-life joker in the pack. Writer-director, Simon Sprackling.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LION KING (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Odeon Leicester Sq (0426 915683)

MINA TANNENBAUM (12): Romane Bohringer and Elsa Zylberstein enliven an uneven story of two Jewish friends in Paris. From Martine Dugowson.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

CURRENT

BAD BOY BUBBY (18): Australian director Rolf de Heer's inventive and disturbing tale of a 35-year-old innocent at large. With Nicholas Hope.
Plaza (0800 888997)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FAUST: Czech surrealist Jan Svankmajer's clever but ultimately tedious treatment of the legend. Live action plus stop-motion animation.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **ICA** (071-930 3647)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Ritzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18): Volatile mother versus social services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story, with a powerful performance by Crissy Rock.
Lumiere (071-836 0691)

MR JONES (15): Contrived romantic drama about a manic depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Lena Olin). Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

THE RED SQUIRREL (18): Fresh and frisky anti-machismo frolic by rising Spanish director Julio Medem. With Emma Suárez and Nancho Novo.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia, director, Luis Mandoki.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332) **Warner** (437 4343)

◆ **WOLF** (15): Jack Nicholson's beast within finally comes out. Amusing, intelligent werewolf movie, with Michelle Pfeiffer. Director, Mike Nichols.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683)

WYATT EARP (12): Over-solemn and reverential epic, with Kevin Costner as the lawman, and Dennis Quaid as Doc Holliday. Lawrence Kasdan directs.
Warner (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** sees Tom Courtenay deliver the performance of the year

A tour de force? I'll drink to that

Moscow Stations
Garrick

It must have been 20 years ago that I asked Tom Courtenay what had impelled him to take the part of the poet John Clare in Edward Bond's *The Fool*, but I can still remember his very un-English reply. "I read the play", he said in that mild, grieving voice of his, "and it made me cry."

Somewhere in that answer is the explanation of the man's uniqueness. Other actors may fret and wail, blub and rage, fall to the ground in pain and gnaw the rushes in agony; but I cannot think of one who can match Courtenay when it comes to simple, unaffected openness of heart. It was that vulnerability, that helplessness if you like, which made his Clare so moving, and it is the same quality that now gives depth and soul to a one-man play that could easily have dwindled into a wild display of Slavic pyrotechnics.

Not that his performance as the narrator of Stephen Mulrine's adaptation of Venedikt Yerofeev's autobiographical novel is lacking in humour. I laughed most when Courtenay's Venya gave us the recipe for his favourite cocktail. Spirit of Geneva: beer, distilled varnish, white lilac toilet water, sock deodoriser. Mix, marinate for a week in cigar tobacco, drink in large gulps and (he assured us) for at least half an hour you won't care if someone decides to spit in your face. But then a kind of crazy, hopeless hilarity marks most of *Moscow Stations*.

Courtenay blunders boozily onstage wearing a blend of tatty browns and grubby greys, his face mottled and flummoxed, his long, lank hair incongruously turning white as it hits his shoulders. Everything about him looks lost. Everything about him *is* lost. Not only does he begin by telling us that, Muscovite though he is, he has never been able actually to find the Kremlin: he spends the bulk of the evening describing what is supposed to be a train-ride to the fair city of Petushki but turns out to be a drunken round-trip all the way back home.

The play is much preoccupied with that traditional Russian escape-hatch, the bottle, and is itself a pretty weird cocktail. Take plenty of quirky human observation, comic anecdotes and reminiscence, dark philosophising, Christian comfort. Add fatalism and despair, mix and swallow; and you will get a genuine sense of Russia as it was and, I fear, still is.

Yerofeev, a dissident who had been successively banished from university, teacher training college and the province of Vladimir, wrote *Moscow Stations* when Brezhnev was on the throne. But the blend of stagnation, ennui and chaos he evoked has survived both the tyrant's death and his own, which occurred in 1990.

Among the figures to whom he introduces us are the ticket inspector on the Moscow-Petushki run, who demands payment in doses of vodka, a gram per kilometre travelled. But it is, as it should be, Yerofeev himself who will dog and hog the memory. One moment he is mourning the terrifying hours between dawn and opening-time, the next discussing the mechanics of hiccoughs, the next describing how he mistakenly sent a graph delineating his drinking-habits to Communist headquarters and lost his sinecure, the next holding accusing conversations with his guardian angels or imagining himself being attacked by workers with hammers and peasants with sickles.

I first saw Courtenay's performance at this year's Edinburgh Festival, and wondered then if time, repetition and a transfer to London might not spoil it. As it is, the only puzzle is why metropolitan theatregoers see so little of a player at once so technically accomplished and so truthful.

His Venya is absurd, serious, pathetic and, behind the slovenly looks and doleful, self-deprecating gestures, oddly dignified. I do not expect to see finer, more touching acting in 1994.

DONALD COOPER



Tom Courtenay as Venya, the down-and-out hero of *Moscow Stations*

JAZZ: Virtuoso guitar-playing with something missing

Sizzle in need of steak

Stanley Jordan
Ronnie Scott's

WHEN the Chicago-born guitarist Stanley Jordan first came to prominence in the mid-1980s, the innovatory nature and sheer abundance of his technical gifts so dazzled listeners that they seemed to be unable to look at his music dispassionately.

The fact that he was rocketed, apparently overnight, from New York street musician to international Blue Note recording star — his debut album for the label, *Magic Touch*, remained at No 1 on *Billboard's* jazz chart for 51 weeks — also helped divert attention from his musicianship.

It therefore came as no surprise that, when the dust eventually settled, the critical consensus was that Jordan was the musical equivalent of the man who could speak ten languages but was unable to say anything interesting in any of them. Jordan himself did little to counter such criticism, his innate modesty even leading him to agree with it: "As a technician I'm pretty significant, but I can't claim to be a significant musician — not yet."

A week's residency at Ronnie Scott's, where he is featured solo, with only his three specially modified electric guitars and a bewildering array of electronic gizmos for company, thus provides him with a welcome opportunity to prove his critics wrong.

As a solo performer, Jordan favours the time-honoured informal, loose jamming medley approach, segueing easily from tune to tune in a set that eventually embraced everything from screaming blues to tender ballads such as John Coltrane's achingly beautiful "Naima". Jordan's much discussed technique — he is able to accompany his own solos by utilising a method known as "hammering-on", which involves tapping rather than plucking the strings — is initially so unusual that it is all too easy to allow astonishment at his sheer wizardry to swamp critical faculties. Furthermore, his array of guitars is able to reproduce, at the flick of a switch, sounds reminiscent of everything from a Hammond organ to an African balafon.

What does emerge over a set of Jordan's music, however, is a sense that he still allows himself to be carried away by the sheer profligacy of his gifts. The resultant over-fussiness is particularly noticeable in material whose strength resides in directness and simplicity, and so the guitarist's lengthy excursion into blues territory, although undeniably containing some powerful and occasionally even sublime moments, was not completely successful. His virtuosic, cluttered sound was heard to much greater effect, ironically enough — since pop tunes rarely provide cogent vehicles for jazz improvisation — on his celebrated helter-skelter trip through "Eleanor Rigby".

But, by the time he returned to play an affecting encore of "Over The Rainbow", he was clearly relaxed enough to allow his considerable musicianship sway over his awesome technical proficiency, proving that his "not yet" rider may not have been unduly optimistic.

CHRIS PARKER

CABARET: Hollywood veteran still a star

Big in the eighties

Tony Martin
Green Room, Café Royal

SINATRA (born 1915)? A pleasant young man. Tony Bennett (born 1926)? A mere stripling. Making his first London cabaret appearance, Tony Martin (born 1912) looks and sounds fit to trade songs or punches with either of those veterans.

Martin is a one-man, living history of Hollywood musicals. His films include *Follow the Fleet*, *The Big Store*, *Ziegfeld Girl*, *Till the Clouds Roll By*, *Casbah* and *Hit the Deck*; the co-stars include Astaire and Rogers, Alice Faye (to whom he was married from 1937 to 1940), Lana Turner, Judy Garland, Shirley Temple, the Marx Brothers, Cyd Charisse (to whom he has been married since 1948) and Debbie Reynolds.

In his assured and generous hour-plus set, Martin touches lightly on all aspects of his career, but mixes in the occasional newer song, such as "Wind Beneath My Wings". His voice, astonishingly rich and strong in the lower register, remains true, although sometimes and understandably gossamer-light in the higher reaches. So sympathetic is the accompaniment of his musical director and pianist Albert Sentry (his senior by a few years) that they could almost dispense with the support of the guitarist, bass-player and drummer, but the extra musicians do add punch to the faster numbers.

Martin likes London, he says; he honeymooned here with Charisse and played several successful seasons at the Palladium at the turn of the 1950s. Broadway and nightclub work followed. He sings now, he says, as a hobby: "This is a breeze."

The list of songs either written for him, first recorded by him or associated with him is formidable, and they pour out in succession: "Let's Face The Music And Dance", "You Stepped Out Of A Dream", "O Sole Mio", "People Will Say We're In Love", "The Girl From Ipanema", "Begin the Beguine", "Luck Be A Lady Tonight" and the barnstorming closer, "Tenement Symphony", from *The Big Store*.

The description "showbusiness legend" is sadly debased today, but the chance to enjoy the genuine article should not lightly be passed up. He continues at the Café Royal, the perfect setting for his polished performance, until Saturday.

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Fingers on the pulse of genius

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I switch on my cassette recorder. "You lived in Vienna — a city you both love and hate — for 11 formative years. Is this new Schubert and Schoenberg series a sort of trib . . .?" Before the question is out, a delicate digital ringing is heard from downstairs. Is something burning? Is a burglar after the piano? "That means the tea has seeped for four minutes. After three minutes, it is too much a wake-up tea; after five, already too bitter. Now it is time to fish it out!"

The tender care for the Darjeeling First Flush (meticulously measured into an empty, re-sealable Japanese muslin teabag), the uncompromised precision, the final throwaway English idiom: this is Mitsuko Uchida. Her conversation, like her piano playing, is supple, volatile, at one moment spare and emphatic as a calligraphic brushstroke, at another as earnestly referenced and intellectually questioning as an archetypal Central European argument. Her verbal and musical language is mesmerically eclectic and allusive; yet it has a late and difficult birth.

"My struggle in life has been to find my language," she says. The daughter of a Tokyo diplomat, Uchida one day suddenly found herself thrown into the heart of Europe when the family landed in Vienna. She was 12. "It was terrifyingly difficult. Don't ever tell me it is easier for a child. I simply could not express myself. I never knew a language. You learn your mother-tongue automatically because you need to say 'I'm hungry'. I used language to survive, and I read compulsively. But I always felt that I could not formulate my thoughts properly. By the time I was able to do that, I was already on to my third language, which was English.

> Her verbal and musical language is mesmerically eclectic

"With music it's the same. I was thrown into Europe and told so many things by different people. In the end, you simply have to find your own way. Thank goodness my parents had no interest in child prodigies. I'm so grateful that I've been able to go through this slow process, with time to develop my own thoughts, my own music-making."

Uchida's development is in stark contrast to succeeding generations of intensively cultivated hothouse prodigies from the Far East, such as Midori or Sarah Chang, whose life and schedule — as many as 120 concerts a year to Uchida's 40 — horrifies her. When she was 16, even the decision to stay on alone to study in Vienna, when her father's term was up, was a tough one to make.

"If I had been male, my parents would have sent me back to Japan for education, as they did with my brother. And my sister (now an interpreter in Frankfurt) really had to *fight* her way. She stayed at home until she was 40: my parents are still of the generation where a daughter is an asset that you keep until you marry her off. But it was easier for me because I was the third child."

Uchida now feels totally European. "I have certain old-fashioned, probably entirely unrealistic perceptions of Japan. I know very few Japanese people. My only contact with Japan is through my mother who still lives there, and through literature. I love to read Japanese poetry: I love the Chinese characters (a strip of them decorates her otherwise bare wall) and the way they are used. But Japan is a difficult place to *be*. It is a true enigma for me."

The Schubert and Schoenberg series is, for Uchida, an affirmation of the Austro-German blood which still courses through her musical veins. "And of my absolute deep love of Schubert. It has been a dream of mine to play every note written for the piano by Schubert, and that includes the 600 or so songs.

"I don't know why Schubert's music touches me so much. It has much to do, I think, with his peculiar relationship with death. The hope within the hopelessness, the acceptance, is all so difficult to define. Even in his earliest compositions, there is already a haunting. And I wanted to put together my first love with my first atonal composer!"

Uchida discovered Schoenberg when she was 16, studying in Vienna with Richard Hauser, himself a pupil of Webern. "Now I want to discover why Schoenberg is still so undeservedly unpopular. I feel exasperated! It is no problem for people to look at Kandinsky. And in music, Schoenberg is Kandinsky. They exchanged ideas. So why hasn't Schoenberg made it? I'll give you the answer at the end of the series.

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Choice of fare at breakfast

RADIO: The *Today* programme, the BBC's early-morning flagship, has a serious rival. Peter Barnard reports

A READER chastises me for being unfair to Radio 5. She says that she used to be exclusively a Radio 4 listener but now she listens to Radio 5 in the early morning because that network's *Breakfast Programme* is, wait for it, "better than *Today*".

So, with a brief fanfare for Be Fair to Radio 5 Day, let us consider *Today*'s internal opposition. *The Breakfast Programme* starts earlier (6am) and finishes earlier (8.35) than *Today* and is normally fronted by Peter Allen and Jane Garvey. This week Garvey is away and Allen is at the Tory conference so Angela Rippon is the London anchor: no shortage of experience there.

The programme undoubtedly has more pace than *Today*, which has a tendency to run items overlong (or in depth, as the programme would claim). *The Breakfast Programme* is also more logically arranged, with clumps of news, weather and sport making it easier to sample than *Today*'s habit of running sport before the news and weather segments.

Radio 5 has resisted the temptation to have a different news agenda from Radio 4, and rightly so. And switching between the two networks yesterday morning I did not feel that anything was lost from the sum of human knowledge by *The Breakfast Programme*'s relative brevity on specific items. Certainly Radio 5 had the most entertaining Tory conference interview, in which Allen neatly jostled Sir Marcus Fox into making the bizarre claim that the Mark Thatcher "sleaze factor" story was a "media plot".

Radio 5 also has an edge in two other important elements associated with breakfast shows: newspaper reviews and traffic reports. *Today* concentrates on the national papers, whereas *The Breakfast Programme* goes off to the provinces, where some very respectable newspapers carry stories that often get subsequent national exposure.

And *Today* almost never services the army of listeners struggling to work in cars. *The Breakfast Programme* proves that can be done, and in about two minutes, which may help stem the haemorrhage away to local stations during the *morning rush hour*.

There is no firm evidence that *The Breakfast Programme* is stealing listeners from *Today*, nor would it matter much if there were. The important point is that the BBC is providing a respectable alternative early-morning news programme as a way of competing with commercial stations and widening its listener base.

DANCE: A classic revived in Birmingham

Spanish steps

Le Tricorne
Hippodrome

MASSINE, encouraged often by Diaghilev, was always able to spot design talent: Dufy, Chagall, Dali, Matisse, Miró . . . the list goes on. Picasso also featured. He worked on three Massine ballets, of which *Le Tricorne* (The Three-Cornered Hat), created in 1919, was the second and greatest popular success.

Le Tricorne tells the story of a Miller disrupting a Corregidor (governor) who attempts to seduce his flirtatious wife. Yet for all its Spanish gaiety, it has not been performed by a British company since the 1970s. So warm thanks to Birmingham Royal Ballet for bringing it to their company for the first time and adding yet another neglected masterwork to their series of ballet resuscitations.

The fabled Diaghilev synthesis of music, design and choreography sparked off the best in each collaborator. Manuel de Falla painstakingly reworked the score he had composed for a mime-play on the same subject, and with Diaghilev and Massine travelled through Spain in search of folk music to incorporate.

Picasso's washes of ochre, buff and deep blue communicate wonderfully the sun-drenched architecture and sky of Andalucia. But before you see that, as you listen to de Falla's stirring overture accompanying a frontcloth of spectators at a bullring, the thrill is palpable — even if the sound coming from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia under Barry Wordsworth sometimes seemed thin and scratchy.

Alas, the excitement soon fizzles out. Lorca Massine, the choreographer's son, overlooks many details of this performance and has never struck me as the ballet's ideal producer. Even so, his staging for the Paris Opera Ballet a couple of years ago possessed more verve than this version, which seems to have faded in the wash.



Monica Zamora: rhythms and sinuosities of Spain

Part of the blame must rest with the dancers, to whom the fire of Spanish dance does not come naturally. The exception, Monica Zamora as the Miller's Wife, hails not from Andalucia but from the Basque country. Yet why quibble when the rhythms and sinuosities of Spain course so evidently through her veins? She danced her lyrical solo exquisitely and looked ravishing, big black eyes casting eloquent glances.

David Morse, as the caricatural Corregidor, does not have much actual dance, but his mime was strongly projected. Joseph Cipolla is as darkly Mediterranean as Zamora, but his Miller seemed uncomfortable in the stringent demands of his choreography. Massine, who by all accounts was astonishing in the role, received long coaching from a flamenco dancer.

Where *Le Tricorne* should be all heat and passion, Ashton's *Enigma Variations* (another company premiere) is the quintessence of placid late-Victorian England. This is the land of plus-fours, bicycles and drifting autumnal leaves. Chaps gaze into the distance, gripped by deep but manfully buttoned-down emotion as Elgar's music swells: while their women always hover in the background, gentle towers of strength and comfort.

Michael Somes has mounted the ballet lucidly, but the character sketches tended to blur into similarity. The sentimental ladies played by Ravenna Tucker, Jessica Clarke and Catherine Batcheller are more vivid than the male portraits.

NADINE MEISNER

LONDON CONCERTS

Densely packed with inspiration

BBC SO/Davis
Festival Hall

THE third concert in the BBC Symphony Orchestra's series "Reinventing the Orchestra" brought together Berlioz and a modern Finnish composer, Kaija Saariaho. The umbrella under which this series shelters is sufficiently capacious for there to be no necessary connection between the composers featured, beyond an innovative approach to orchestration.

Berlioz was, in his time, lampooned for the immense forces he unleashed, and for the unprecedented sounds he drew from them. Yet even he might have been stunned into silence by the sight of Saariaho's score for *Du Cristal*, with its countless staves packed tight with notation. Saariaho acknowledges the influence of Ligeti and his clusters, but her individual trait is to write for the orchestra "as if it were a huge synthesizer".

As she explained in a platform discussion, that involves treating orchestral voices as layers in a large mass of sound. That sound mass, created by unconventional bowing and blowing techniques, resembles a vast, amorphous, lethargic organism.

This is both a distinctive and a distinguished score, and provided one is not frustrated by the inability to hear the detail of, say, the solo violin near the beginning, or even the trumpet later on, it makes for compelling listening.

Andrew Davis steered the BBC Symphony Orchestra as adroitly through its complexities as he did through the equally solid sound masses of Berlioz's Te Deum. This composer's notorious massiveness is easily misunderstood. Not only did it spring from a tradition of Napoleonic gigantism (as David Cairns's programme note usefully reminded us), but it is essentially architectural in function. The performing space should ideally be a large sacred building, in which the spatial separation of organ and orchestra adds a magnificent perspective.

The Festival Hall hardly fits that bill, and a certain four-square relentlessness was the inevitable result. It was nevertheless possible to relish many of Berlioz's imaginative touches of scoring (as it had been in the *Francs-juges* Overture that opened the programme). The Philharmonia Chorus and New London Children's Choir sounded both well-drilled and alert. John Aler was suitably importunate as the tenor soloist in the fifth-movement prayer "Te ergo quaesumus".

BARRY MILLINGTON

Swift and true

ASMF/Marriner
Festival Hall/Radio 3

CHRISTIAN Tetzlaff is exactly what a festival like Deutsche Romantik needs, *writes Hilary Finch*. This 28-year-old German violinist is incapable of giving a run-of-the-mill performance and, in his gripping and highly perceptive Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, he challenged not only much of the received wisdom about "the Romantic spirit", but also many preconceptions about the piece itself.

The first movement is marked "allegro molto appassionato": does the *molto* qualify the *allegro* or the *appassionato*? Most soloists go for the latter, and move the work several notches nearer Tchaikovsky, partly because it makes a bigger splash that way, and partly because their fingers — and, more important, their imaginations — are not always up to the challenge of the former.

Tetzlaff, though, played fast. His acute rhythmic observance and dancing fingers prohibited any cliché or self-regarding moment: upbeats were short and sharp, links between and within movements real springboards rather than portentous grammatical points. His slow movement lilted like a lightly sung *berceuse*; his finale led the Academy of St Martin in the Fields quite a dance.

After a second or two of shock, they rose to the challenge he had been offering them in greater or lesser measure throughout the concerto and, their muscles and wits toned, went on to give a lithe performance, under the baton of Sir Neville Marriner, of Schumann's Fourth Symphony.

The Academy had commissioned a new work from Sally Beamish to celebrate its 35th anniversary, and *Walking Back* received its premiere as the evening's overture. The title refers to both Beamish's great-great grandfather's walk from Edinburgh to London, and her own "walk" back to Scotland where she now lives. It accounted, too, for the 15-minute work's ebullient, determined tone and fleeting episodes of nostalgia. In content and form, it was a jigsaw of magpie borrowings from her own works and from the *Metamorphosen* of Strauss and, as such, was a dutiful and efficient showpiece.

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Sounding an uncertain trumpet

Robert Blake argues that interim assessments of John Major are worth making, though they may not stand the test of time

Conservative historiography, for many years neglected, has become a growth industry. I like to think that in a minor way I helped the process with my life of Bonar Law (1955) and my *History of the Conservative Party* (1976, 1985). But those were merely the small springs of a flowing river. Historians tended to concentrate on the Liberal and Labour parties whose personalities and conflicts seemed more exciting and dramatic, but that stream has become thinner recently, and the not unimportant fact that the Conservatives have been the dominant party of the 20th century is better recognised.

The Longman History, three of whose five projected volumes have appeared — the other two being well under way — will be the authoritative work for years to come. Meanwhile we have these two books, both part-edited by the indefatigable Anthony Seldon, who is writing a biography of John Major.

The Major Effect is a sequel to *The Thatcher Effect* (1989) by the same editors, one of the spate of recent books analysing "Thatcherism" and one of the best. The task for the earlier book was easier. No one doubts that there was a Thatcher effect. One can argue about its exact nature, but hardly dispute that the Britain of the late 1980s was very different from the Britain of the 1970s — Heath, Wilson, Callaghan. If Margaret Thatcher did nothing else — in fact she did much more — she killed "socialism", which was one of her main aims (it is a possible irony of history that the result will be Tony Blair as the next Prime Minister).

But is there such a thing at all as The Major Effect? Four years is longer than the tenure of five out of the nine prime ministers who have held office since 1945. Yet it is a short period for historical judgment. Attlee had had an effect by 1949 and Margaret Thatcher by 1983, but it is not likely that opinions of their effect at those dates will stand the test of time.

The editors do not claim that their book is other than an interim contribution. A product of the Institute of Contemporary British History (ICBH), it carries out the purpose of that body "to provide an account and analysis of the recent past that gets beyond the coverage of the media and is more even-handed than the parties' own version".

This is a useful contribution by a number of highly reputable academics and journalists to our knowledge of the facts of the last four years. If the judgments are likely to need revision before long, the editors rightly point out that the book "will still have value in showing what 25 very different men and women thought at one particular point in history".

THE MAJOR EFFECT
Edited by Anthony Seldon and Dennis Kavanagh
Macmillan, £30/£12.99 paperback

CONSERVATIVE CENTURY
The Conservative Party Since 1900
Edited by Anthony Seldon and Stuart Ball
OUP, £30

Opinions about the Effect vary from author to author. The strongest is claimed to be on the economy. In one of the best contributions Peter Jay emphasises the Major impact on inflation. To bring it down was his great objective and he has succeeded. This has occurred "despite the increasing hostility of a press which appears daily less in touch with any reality beyond the psychotic nostalgia of its editors for the days when Mrs Thatcher told them what to write and rewarded them with personal honours and ever lower tax bills".

There has also been a Major Effect on the administration of public services. Margaret Thatcher regarded them all as hopeless. John Major sees that they cannot be abolished and, with his Citizen's Charter — a far more effective concept than is yet appreciated — and with other reforms, has gone a long way to improve national and local administration.

Peter Riddell in a perceptive piece on Major and Parliament analyses the problems of a majority of 21 compared with Margaret Thatcher's 100 or more and shows how successfully a natural Whip, made Prime Minister, has coped. But there are many areas where the Major Effect is said to be negligible — not least foreign policy: "no sense of Britain's place in the world or how to achieve national objectives". On issues concerning Europe he still sounds an uncertain trumpet.

Any work on contemporary history is liable to be caught up by events. Timing can never be exactly right. The Sinn Fein "ceasefire" was too late for the book. One keeps one's fingers crossed, but is it not possible that this may go down to posterity as a Major Effect more significant than all the rest put together?

Conservative Century is the most comprehensive and authoritative work so far on the history of the Conservative Party since Lord Salisbury's electoral victory in 1895. It has, like *The Major Effect*, a multitude of contributors, though there are scarcely any overlaps. It is long — 842 pages — and packed with information, tables and illustrations inaccessible elsewhere without endless research. The price is remarkably cheap and a credit to the OUP. Unlike the Longman volumes it is a work of analysis rather than narrative, but there is ample room for both.

I would single out Anthony Seldon's introductory survey; Vernon Bogdanor on the leadership, which dispels much mythology — journalists can no longer write about "men in suits"; Richard Kelly on party conferences — a subject I never previously understood; and John Barnes on ideology and faction. But there are many valuable contributions besides these, not least a 45-page critical biography by Stuart Ball which will be invaluable for future writers and researchers. The work ought to be on every Tory bookshelf, and even opponents could profit from it.

The thin man inside

THESE DAYS it is often difficult to tell where deconstruction ends and construction begins. It is difficult, therefore, to guess how one would respond to David Sylvester's new book on Giacometti if one had not read the preface first. Would one find it a little incoherent, or at least inconsistent? Would one even begin to guess at its complicated publishing history if Sylvester did not insist on drawing attention to it?

Briefly, the story of the book is that Sylvester wrote a catalogue introduction on Giacometti in 1955, and by 1959 had completed a monograph which he delivered, then took back for further work. That was laid aside, but further Giacometti-related texts were written (or, in the case of two interviews, spoken) in 1962 and 1965. A book, though clearly not this one, was in the works when Giacometti died in 1966, was completed and got as far as galley proofs, but then Sylvester never returned them to the publisher.

He then worked intermittently, but realised that the only way to make sense of the project was to respect its incoherence and constantly shifting perspective. The final chapter was written some time in the 1980s. And so, here we are nearing the mid-nineties, and the book, after further nipping and tucking, actually appears, somehow combining all the aforesaid elements into a whole.

John Russell Taylor

LOOKING AT GIACOMETTI
By David Sylvester
Chatto & Windus, £25

A rather slim whole, actually. One would expect, after all this lengthy searching for the essence, that a weighty tome would result. Especially since we are forbidden to take this as merely a bundle of miscellaneous essays written over the last 30 years. That, given Sylvester's early interest in Giacometti, his personal acquaintance with the artist, and the crucial role he has played in bringing Giacometti before the British public, would be a perfectly reasonable thing to offer. Of course, we would probably have said what a pity it was that Sylvester had not written the definitive work he was uniquely qualified to write. But then, are we going to think any differently confronted with this lightweight result of so much soul-searching?

Given what the book is, and who wrote it, it cannot but be interesting and useful. It is indeed fascinating to see, more or less and despite revisions, how Giacometti was presented for that first small retrospective in 1955: the interest is in seeing how little attitudes to him have changed rather than how much. The radio interview material is essential reading for any Giacometti enthusiast, and does give us a very clear picture of the man. The final chapter (the one from the 1980s) attempts some sort of summation and at the same time is deeply personal, evoking for us just what this particular artist has meant to this particular critic. In an age of deconstruction, perhaps this is all we have a right to expect.

Mr Gatrell and the gallows

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Not swift, clean or competent: two of the 7,000 public hangings which took place in England between 1770 and 1830, as seen by Rowlandson

Mr Gatrell was bored. A history fellow of Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, he was drudging away in the Public Record Office, researching something or other — he doesn't tell us what, but it was "much less interesting" than hanging. Tedium and a passing curiosity moved him to order from the Home Office catalogue an old volume of judges' reports. He found himself immersed in the fascinating dossier of a Shropshire rape case in 1829.

The young accused had been tried, convicted and sentenced to hang for what the local doctor regarded as no more than "a sweetheart matter". A pardon was zealously sought and even granted, if you allow 20 years in a hellhole hulk off Bermuda to be better than being hanged. He did at least get home, which very few did from that dreadful spot. Your average young academic researcher, conscious of being paid to be bored and to bore his peers and others, would have guiltily returned the volume to its shelf and quickly resumed his fusty labours. Not so Mr Gatrell.

More sympathetic and imaginative, more human and humane, more easily deflected by impulse, by generous indignation and affections, he was shocked and hooked. He had never, he affirms, "experienced" the past like this. Submissive, as if in the grip of demons, he allowed one thing to lead to another, culminating, after years of labour, in this magnificent though grim and haunting book. Some may find it, as the telly news puts it, "disturbing" or even "distressing".

Colin Welch

THE HANGING TREE
Execution and The English People 1770-1868
By V.A.C. Gatrell
OUP, £20

Gatrell plunged into the archives, into jokes and ballads and satires too. They took him into a strange and distant world, a world darkened by the grim shadow of the gallows, of the hanging tree, gibbet and scaffold. In this world 7,000 people were executed in the 60 years 1770-1830, the golden age of hanging. A Londoner growing up in the 1780s could have witnessed 400 execution days at Newgate alone, watched 1,200 hang.

Nor were many of these hangings swift, clean or competent. On the contrary, they were marked by hideous convulsions, protruding tongues, swollen features, "a bloody froth" from the mouth, eyes protruding wildly from sockets, involuntary emissions of urine. They could last ten minutes before death, at Edinburgh once a frightful hour.

Not a pretty sight, yet fashionable women and respectable bourgeois, among others, turned out in thousands as for a carnival.

Noone could claim for Gatrell that he writes *sine ira*, without anger. He admits it is not ashamed of it. He bluntly affirms: no warm feelings, no book. And who would dare to deny that there may be truths or aspects of truth which reveal themselves only to impassioned love or hatred, to rage or mirth?

He certainly does not conceal his own forthright opinions, tastes and prejudices. Baden-Powell and Lord Goddard are both to him "unspeakable", and he says so — though they are for some reason missed out of the index. Not so Carlyle, who is characterised (surely ironically) as a "sage" and accused of "manic rhetoric" and "windy tosh" about vengeance as a "divine feeling".

Boldly manifest is Gatrell's dislike, for different reasons, of George IV and Peel, much praised elsewhere respectively for elegant humanity and reforming zeal. Gatrell tears these pretences to bits. Prinny spent five idle months in Brighton nursing his gout, while 58 wretches waited freezing in Newgate for the verdict of his Council: life or death?

As for Peel, his real concern was to preserve as much as possible of the old hanging code, by tidying it up and regularising it, thus making it even more terrifying. He let more people hang in the 1820s than any previous Home Secretary, and was eager to go on doing so. Gatrell quotes Bentham's characterisation of Peel as a "weak and feeble" law reformer. This is surely rash. For Bentham's own ideas about strong and vigorous law reform, see Gertrude Himmelfarb's blood-freezing essays in *Victorian Minds* and *Marriage and Morals among the Victorians*.

Hanging judges of the period are anathema to Gatrell. They are "sable bigots and furred homicides" (Dr Parr's phrase, quoted with approval), "dislikeable beings", unhappy, sour, emotional cripples to a man, and so on. Is he fair to them all? Well, he does manfully advance the case for hanging, if with distaste, with teeth clenched, so to speak.

Gatrell concedes that he may have done less justice to those who are more interested in the victim's sufferings than in the criminal's. Like the poet Southey, Gatrell is disgusted by the stench of 100 gibbets on Hounslow Heath alone. Would he be so disgusted by 100 armed highwaymen roaming the Heath unhindered?

Gatrell also quotes with undue approval those who argue that the law is created by the rich solely to oppress the poor and to preserve the inequality of goods. Have the poor then nothing to lose? Not even a life?

Gatrell is against all capital punishment, I take it. He therefore finds merit only in public executions, if any, as reminding people of the cruelty of what they inflict on others and thus favouring total abolition.

The bloody code might have been more loved and esteemed if its victims had been obviously guilty as charged, or guilty of anything at all. Most horrifying is the levity with which innocence and guilt, life and death, were distributed. It was a lottery, like Ophelia scattering her flowers.

An execution, for instance, was delayed by another's confession to the crime. The prison chaplain is said to have rushed forth and ordered the hangman to go ahead anyway: it was the *example* that counted, not guilt or innocence. Archdeacon Paley solemnly opined that the innocent wrongly hanged "may be considered as falling for his country". An Old Bailey recorder, Knowlys, absentmindedly ordered the hanging of a man whom the King in Council had just pardoned, on the recorder's own advice and his presence. At that Council the King and others were often asleep or absent for no good reason while life and death were carelessly discussed.

In one sense Gatrell's book is ill-timed, now that judges and the law are more often mocked for impotence than hated for harshness, and when "transportation" means, if anything, an enjoyable African safari or a jolly week of thieving in a holiday camp. Those disposed to cry "come back Knowlys", or "come back Ellenborough and Eldon, all is forgiven" might nonetheless read Gatrell's book once with profit and think twice.

Heroic attitudes

Flora Fraser

NELSON
A Personal History
By Christopher Hibbert
Viking, £20

How finely tuned were the sensibilities of those who lived at the turn of the 18th century. On hearing the news of Nelson's victory at the Nile in the summer of 1798, Lord Spencer at the Admiralty in London and Lady Emma Hamilton in Naples both fell insensible to the floor. And Emma repeated her performance when visiting Nelson, newly arrived in the Bay of Naples, on his ship, the *Vanguard*.

Nelson, ever gratified by heroics in his honour, necessarily missed the response of a 14-year-old girl (later Lady Brownlow) to the news in November 1805 of a great naval victory and of Nelson's death at Cape Trafalgar. "To the utter astonishment of my governess," Lady Brownlow recorded, "I fell down as if I had been shot."

Christopher Hibbert's handsome "personal history" of Nelson steeps us in shipboard life. Illustrations include scenes by Rowlandson of life on board and a sketch of sailors gambling and dancing to while away the hours in port. These are worth studying, for Nelson spent most of his adult years in the company of officers, sailors and "powder monkeys". Another sketch by an unknown artist shows a boisterous "Master William Blockhead" packing his sea chest, helped by a tearful mamma.

As Hibbert makes plain, Nelson liked to strike his own heroic attitudes. Who but he would have refused the offer of a greatcoat during a chilly battle with the words: "My anxiety for my country keeps me warm"? Crying "Westminster Abbey or glorious victory" he leapt aboard the enemy vessel *San Nicolas* at the battle of Cape St Vincent and, encouraging the other officers and men to join him, dashed across her decks to her sister ship the *San Jose*. Later Nelson claimed that this make-shift strategy was afterwards termed "Nelson's Patent Bridge for Boarding First-Rates" by the Navy. Nelson cultivated fame and glory as assiduously as Napoleon.



Nelson by Rigaud, 1777

On land he was old-fashioned and could be moody and out of kilter with his peers but at sea he became the protagonist of his own glorious spectacle. Lady Malmesbury, a diplomat's wife, wrote shrewdly, "no wise man would ever have gone with Nelson [to sea] as he was sure to be in the background in every case".

This scrupulous biography deals in domestic detail as well as in seascapes. We see Nelson taking the trouble to beg a school holiday from the headmistress of his niece, Charlotte. Holiday duly granted, the girls, with Miss Veitch's permission, drink the "little admiral's" health in negus.

Hibbert belongs to the "firm but fair" school of historians, who occasionally insert overt judgments into the narrative. He is caustic about a hyperbolic letter from Nelson's pen: "Were it not for the writer's lack of a sense of humour, [it] might have been taken for self-parody," he writes, adding "had his thoughts been less occupied with 'Fair Emma, Good Emma, Great Emma . . .' he might, perhaps, have been able to plan the attack (a disastrous attack on the invasion fleet at Boulogne) with more concentrated care."

However, Nelson emerges from this latest biography with flying colours: "For all his faults, he was recognised as having been . . . the first truly national hero to be accepted in his own day . . . not only his victories . . . entitled him to be regarded as his country's greatest admiral, but also the standards of behaviour he had set among the men who helped him win them."

One final curiosity — Nelson, who sometimes felt as though a "girth were buckled taut over the breast", probably suffered from Da Costa's syndrome. "It arises under conditions of great anxiety and physical strain." All that makes sense. Poor Nelson — the ailment is also known as "soldier's heart" from the frequency of its occurrence in the First World War.

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Derwent May is dismayed by the self-righteous tone in which Doris Lessing describes her early life

Tigger loses her bounce

UNDER MY SKIN
Volume One of My Autobiography
By Doris Lessing
HarperCollins, £20

The first volume of Doris Lessing's memoirs takes us through her years as a girl and young woman in Southern Rhodesia, up to the longed-for moment in 1949 when, as a 30-year-old with her first novel just finished, she left for England.

In the very first paragraph, she criticises her mother for being snobbish. That sets the tone for the rest of the book. It is a self-justifying chronicle, constantly declaring that she herself was right and others were wrong — or that if she was not right then, she certainly is now.

Yet there is an interesting story here. Her father, who was a bank clerk, lost a leg in the First World War and married his nurse. When their daughter was five, they went out to build a farm in the wild North East of Rhodesia. They were poor, and had only a pale grey mud house, where the windows may have been hung with Liberty curtains but the tables were made of boxes. Here, wooden leg or no, her father worked tirelessly and was happy with his maize and his skinny cattle — while her mother's genteel dreams slowly died.

She herself describes some happy times of her own on the farm, mostly when she could get away from her parents. Some of the best pages here record her climbing up the piles of newly-made, yellow and red mud bricks, or going off with her brother into the bush to find a koodoo antelope with "liquid eyes, dark lashes" feeding behind the Christmas ferns in the shadow of an antheap.

Yet already her mother is enraging her by her "close jealous supervision", while her brother and his friends are starting to sneer at her without realising they are doing anything wrong. When she is 12, she loses what she thinks is her rightful chance to go and see Sybil Thorndike playing Lady Macbeth in Salisbury. Her self-pitying and solemn self takes another step forward: she feels at that moment she is "the embodiment of all the insulted and injured of the world".

We move on through a convent school where the nuns torture the girls with threats of hellfire, to her first jobs as a nursemaid and then, at 18, as a telephonist in Salisbury. She gets involved with a young crowd of radicals in the city, and the next important part of her story begins. It was to give her most of the material for the novels which she wrote when she first came to London, and which brought her her fame.

What does she think now of the radicalism and "communism" that she embraced then? Somehow she manages to repudiate them while still always remaining in the right. She has come in later life to think that evil is endemic in human nature (in fact this book is full of tedious murmurs of exasperation like "There is something wrong with the human race"), and she has observed how easily wicked men can pass themselves off as noble-seeming leaders. Indeed these two ideas inspired her two most recent novels — *The Fifth Child*, about a moral monster born to some surprised liberal parents, and *The Good Terrorist* — which are actually two of her best books.

But in her account here of those young radical days, it is primarily her comrades and friends who come over as shallow or stupid, or tragic in their blind commitment. There are good pen-portraits of them — the angry young men training in Rhodesia in the RAF in the last years of the war, the bored married women, the Central European refugees. They were all frustrated personalities, she says, and all "taken over by the language" of communism.

She implies that the most useful work they really did was welfare work for the Africans and the poor whites, and she analyses well the break-up of their faith. But she manages to gloss over their ignorance of the true character of communism — especially so far as she herself is concerned — with evasively breezy remarks such as "we were young and foolish and had our problems", or unanswered questions like "Will the Keepers of Accounts in the skies put on our side of the scale that weight engraved Good Intentions?".

This was also the period of her two marriages. She does not convey any feeling of pleasure in being married to either of her husbands, one a conventional (though very able) Rhodesian civil servant, the other — Gottfried Lessing, — a fascinating though chilly German refugee, who later became a leading politician in East Germany.

She writes eloquently about the pleasure of bearing her children — two from the first marriage, one from the next — but says scarcely a word about the first two after she left them with her husband and his new wife. She brought the third child, her son Peter, with her on her own to Britain — where her obligations to him saved her, she says, from the Soho life where "girls were gobbled up like chocolate drops".

When she was much younger, she tells us, she had an outer personality that made light of her troubles and made people laugh. That was why she was known to her family and friends by the affectionate name of "Tigger" or "Tigs". She detested this "false" outer shell, and never let herself be called "Tigger" again after she arrived in London. But perhaps her earnest and angry novels — and this rather joyless autobiography — would have benefited if she had let Tigger live.

GRANVILLE DAVIES



Doris Lessing: as a child, she felt herself "the embodiment of all the insulted and injured of the world"

Answering the Irish question

Robert Kee

IRELAND AND THE IRISH
Portrait of a Changing Society
By John Ardagh
Hamish Hamilton, £20

THIS thorough and conscientious survey of a people in their time, is in line with Ardagh's previous work on the French and the Germans, but with a difference. It is the elusiveness of modern Irish identity that is an important part of that identity's point, so he has here had to meet a subtler challenge.

"We" — the Irish — "still need to know what it means to be Irish," says a Dublin drama critic. The lead singer of U2 *thinks* there is an Irishness to what U2 do, but is not quite sure what it is.

Irish is officially the first language of the Republic, and the State's duty to promote it is enshrined in statute. Yet fewer than one in three of the Republic's citizens even say they speak it and the President says that nobody should feel less Irish for not doing so — exactly the sort of statement that makes her so popular. But where does this leave the journalist trying to give Irishness some definition?

It is the modesty Ardagh combines with his industry that brings him through this challenge with honour. Ardagh, who has personal Old English Irish roots, but whose public school English accent can sharpen the air in a Crossmaglen pub, has conducted dozens and dozens of personal interviews in all the provinces of the island, with schoolmasters, poets, nuns, bishops, businessmen, farmers large and small and anyone else, it seems, in any walk of life, who might have anything to say.

He is sufficiently self-effacing to surprise one when he comes up with a strong view of his own — particularly when one disagrees with it, as when he says that John Hume has more vanity than charm. But it is his intelligent presence at these interviews which enables him to create from them and from his study of prevailing social and economic trends the impressionistic "portrait" of his sub-title.

But hang on a moment. What is this "Ireland" with its Irish, of which he has given us a portrait as if it were the only one? For three-quarters of the book Northern Ireland makes only incidental appearances, for instance when sheep are moved profitably across the border in order to be counted twice by Common Agricultural Policy inspectors, or in the context of poetry which has similarly crossed borders to good effect. Suddenly on page 345 (total 445) the North is there in the context of the events with which we are concerned today.

This "Ireland" too is in the main intelligently and sympathetically portrayed. But Ardagh somehow never manages to reconcile its difference from the Republic with the unity implied by his own title. This could be because he is throughout too wedded to the fashionable but over-simplistic "colonialist" interpretation of Irish history. This has the easy-going acceptability of cliché but all its emptiness too.

SO THE book does have a defect in failing to make sense of its own title. But this can also be an asset. Ardagh makes nothing clearer than that the nationalism of today's Irish Republic is escaping from the clichés of the past. With 44 percent of the population under 25, unemployment running at 22 per cent and traditional attitudes to the Church and the land on the move, the Republic is concerned with its own not inconsiderable social and economic problems, and looking to Europe and foreign investment rather than Articles 2 and 3 of De Valera's 57-year-old Constitution to set it free. Where the first Irish Republic was set up in Co Mayo after the small French invasion of 1798, it is now the Japanese chemical firm, Asahi, that holds sway, with the slogan: "See, plan, practise and do, at all times and at all events for Ireland!"

Both Unionism and Sinn Fein could study Ardagh's work with advantage to see how far the terrors of the one and the aspirations of the other now stand from reality. They could then get on with building together a decent democratic structure for that part of Ireland which they have so long shared.

The freshness of a dream

Adam Zeman

THE DEPOSITORY
A Dream Book
By Andrzej Klimowski
Faber, £7.99 paperback original

Dream sleep can be recognised by "paradoxical" arousal of the brain, rapid movements of the eyes and deep relaxation of the limbs. It keeps a new-born baby busy for eight hours of the day and still occupies you and me for an hour or two each night. It occurs in almost all mammals and birds. Its function is unknown yet its emotional significance is huge.

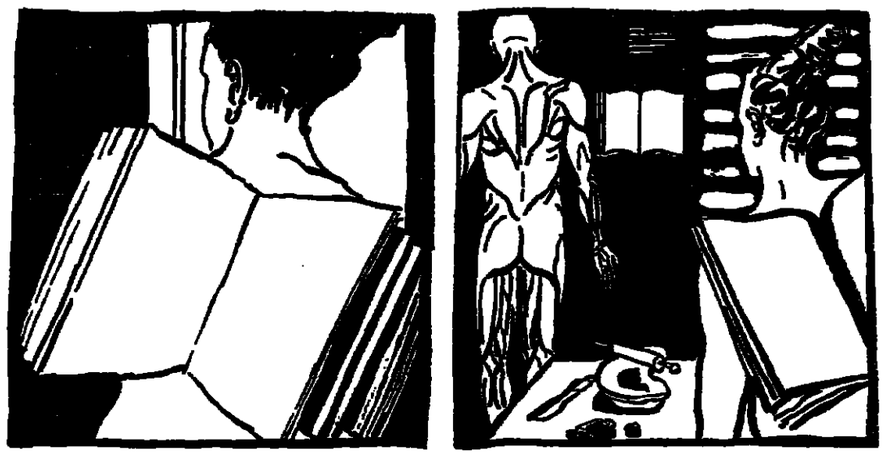
What other experience is at once so fragile and so portentous, so compelling yet so evanescent? No wonder that dreams have been thought to offer communication with the dead, prophetic vision of the future and the "royal road to the unconscious". They are a natural metaphor for acts of artistic creation and for our "little lives".

Dreams are perhaps better suited to pictorial than to verbal description: they defy the everyday logic of prose. *The Depository* is the wordless depiction of a dream: I found it an unexpected delight. It spies on the sleep of an author with a troublesome case of writer's block, who succumbs to fatigue at his desk.

His dream unfolds in one of the cities of ex-communist Europe, in a scenery of tower blocks, small cars on overpasses, telegraph wires and chandeliers. There departs, from the dreamer's window, a naked male angel, with the open pages of a book for wings. The flight is doomed: a sinister collector — of butterflies and angels — is eager to add to his stock. Battle ensues when an angelic colleague rallies to the cause.

The conflict evokes the years before the velvet revolution. In a pair of drawings at the heart of the tale the rescuing angel cradles her companion, who has dwindled, in the fashion of dreams, to a scrap: naked, she braces herself, the light bright behind her. The collector watches her from a darkened room, besuited, intelligent, respectable. His assistant stands at his elbow, a winged Lucifer in a white coat. In these environs authority is criminal, a sinister, furtive force. Happily it is vanquished: the captive angel flies again.

In the best traditions of dreaming this pictorial narrative revels in nakedness, free flight, metamorphosis and loose association of ideas. The drawings, black and white, are simple, but sometimes beautiful. Light your lamp. I commend this dream book to all who are weary of words.



A troublesome case of writer's block: the angel with book-wings flies out of the author's window

Art and alchemy

David Park

VARIOUS MIRACLES
By Carol Shields
Fourth Estate, £9.99

ONE of the attractions of Carol Shields' *The Stone Diaries*, last year's Booker contender, was that it allowed the reader to believe that even the most unspectacular of lives might contain a secret treasure trove. We saw the slow building of a life into a colourful mosaic of the mundane and the mystical.

In the 17 stories of *Various Miracles* Shields continues to practise the art of alchemy. Her characters are often middle-aged or older, their lives seemingly wedded to prosaic rhythms, but in each a richness and unpredictability is revealed.

The miracles centre on flashes of heightened consciousness, the coincidental, those inexplicable times when lives momentarily link. Shields clearly shares with one of her characters, "... a kind of hopeful rejoicing at the overlapping of categories, a suggestion that the material and immaterial world spills out beyond its self-imposed classifications".

The opening story, "Hazel", sets the style of the collection. Here a long-suffering wife suddenly faces widowhood and the prospect of her life being shunted like obsolete stock into some weed-strewn siding. Ignoring the patronising advice of her children she takes a job demonstrating kitchenware in department stores, learns how to sell herself, how to play to an audience, and seems for the first time to establish control of her life; but she finds too a deeper, unsettling knowledge — "Everything is an accident ... Her whole life is an accident, and by accident she has blundered into the heart of it".

This stumbling into truth, encouraged by the tilting and loosening of seemingly fixed parameters, veins the stories. Sometimes the inner life of the characters is quickened by the stimulus of a foreign location, or the pressing poignancy of memory, at others by the coincidences that suggest life is not entirely random.

ALWAYS present is a rich and playful imagination. Shields sustains a steady stream of surprises — a plane transformed into a flying icon by the collective, luminous happiness of its passengers: two strangers whose consciousness collides during a shared walk under an umbrella.

Occasionally, when she lets the stories free-fall through coincidences or shoots the plot off at crazy tangents, you feel you're not witnessing the miraculous, so much as a piece of conjuring. However, when she chooses to develop the inner life of her characters, Carol Shields manages in a particularly original way to turn water into wine, transfiguring the mundane with meaning.

KRISTIN ROSS



Alice Munro: something stops when a girl gets chosen

Love knots

Alison Burns

OPEN SECRETS
By Alice Munro
Chatto & Windus, £14.99

It is characteristic of Alice Munro to appear to be telling one story while telling at least one other at the same time. For devotees the kick lies in reaching the moment when her threads come together. Her best stories carry the reader forward with consummate ease towards an unpredictable but wonderfully satisfying conclusion.

For much of the time in this new collection, you have to concentrate very hard to find out what she is doing. The stories have as their point of reference the small factory town of Carstairs in Northern Ontario. Settings range from the pioneering 1850s through two world wars to the present. Through multiple viewpoints and some recurring characters, Munro builds up a portrait of a community, lingering as always on the fine detail of loneliness and eccentricity.

Many of these narratives manifest an uneasy internal struggle between independence and attachment. Girls and women are waiting for love or running away from it — some choosing lies or madness or even manliness to escape the discomforts of courtship and the marriage trap, others walking with acknowledged lust towards the hard-hearted energy of sex.

There is no shortage of violence either, beside the invisible pain. Flashes of barbarism and vicious disgust come at the kitchen table, or the bookseller's desk, or in the hotel room, and there is no avoiding them. In the words of a Carstairs librarian, "people just do things".

It is one of Munro's special gifts to show not only causes and effects but also private significance. In the title story, a wife remembers a schoolgirl dare which ended in tragedy; later, in the ordinary business of stirring a custard, she will catch glimpses of absolute understanding. In "A Real Life", the woman trapper pushed into marriage by well-meaning friends outwits them all by leading an even more outlandish life in the Australian outback. The central characters in "the Albanian Virgin", the most difficult story to disentangle, are both refugees from marriage — though not, it turns out, from lovers.

In fact, love stories abound, as in "Carried Away" and "The Jack Randa Hotel", where persistent wooing goes on (in both cases by letter) against the protagonists' better judgment. It remains for Eunie Morgan in "Spaceships Have Landed" to suggest that something usually stops when a girl gets chosen. Disorder? Havoc? Freedom?

An evening with Archbishop Tutu

DURING Nelson Mandela's imprisonment, Archbishop Desmond Tutu became the voice of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. He will share his experience of life under oppression and the birth of South African democracy at a *Times*/Dillons Forum, introduced by Terry Waite, on Monday, October 24, at 7.30pm at Westminster Central Hall, Storeys Gate, London SW1. Archbishop Tutu will sign copies of *The Rainbow People of God* afterwards.

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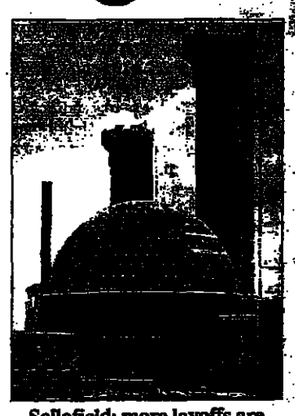
Lake county's new growth

Lakes and mountains carved by the ice age and creating perhaps the most varied countryside in England dominate both the landscape and the economy of Cumbria. Around them has developed a tourist industry worth £812 million accounting directly and indirectly for more than 42,000 jobs. This benefit overshadows the challenge faced by those parts of the county to which the warm tide of tourism does not extend.

They wrestle instead with the more familiar north country problems of unemployment caused by closure or cut-back in the traditional industries of coal and steel and in the modern areas of high technology at the British Nuclear Fuels plant at Sellafield and the Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering (VSEL) yard at Barrow-in-Furness.

This double blow has caused an unprecedented effort to repair the divisions between the Lakeland honeypots and those areas perceived as being remote backwaters belonging to a past industrial age. A new image is required and there are some 40 organisations moving mountains — industrially speaking — to provide one, as well as reshaping the considerable skills and facilities that are there already.

Past government policy of directing industry to the region postponed rather than solved the Cumbrian dilemma. The Leyland-Daf bus factory at Workington became a classic example of failed central assistance. It merely added to the picture of unemployment created by cut-back or closure in deep mining, steel-making and ship building. The so-called peace dividend has proved to be quite the opposite for workers at the VSEL yard where thousands of jobs have already gone and more are to follow as defence contracts dry up.



Sellafield: more layoffs are planned at the Thorp plant

Two thousand more jobs are to go over the next four years as work on the £3 billion Thorp reprocessing plant at BNFL Sellafield reaches completion and the complex moves onto increasingly automated controls.

Brian Graham, head of economic development for Cumbria, says the losses through redundancy were all the more serious because they were permanent losses that left no room for replacements or for school-leavers taking up vital apprenticeships.

West Cumbria is facing a second restructuring, he says, but elsewhere in the county there are encouraging bright spots resulting from the campaign to win new industry and provide a broader employment base. The Cumbria Training and Enterprise Council has been ranked top among the 82 TECs in England and Wales for its performance in training and securing jobs for the young unemployed.

Equally encouraging is a recent survey by the Carlisle Campus of Northumbria University of professional, commercial and business organisations, which showed more optimism about the general business situation, with firms planning to increase their advertising and marketing budgets.

This optimism is shared by the Cumbria Marketing Initiative and the West Cumbria Development Authority. Both have hard evidence that the worst is over. Barbara Stephens, director of operations development [illegible] Cumbria labours under misconceptions, among them the general belief that parts of the county have serious communications problems.

"There are many [illegible] companies in West Cumbria that are very successful and are not concerned about road links. Of course we should always press for a trans-Pennine route and west coast mainline but traffic delays are a third the national average, delays are fewer."

International companies [illegible] a broad view of the world, she says, and none of those based in the county worried about communications once they were established there. One American firm set the criteria that it should be within a five-hour drive of [illegible] markets, which from Cumbria covered most of the UK.

For high added-value [illegible] there is no reason why a manufacturer must be next door to a port or airport. Cumbria has ports [illegible] at Workington, Barrow and Silloth which handle around one million tonnes of traffic a year. There is an [illegible] business [illegible]



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The concept behind Westlakes — to diversify and expand the economic base of West Cumbria towards [illegible] industries [illegible] science parks [illegible] all over the UK as [illegible] authorities have attempted to attract modern high-tech [illegible] But Westlakes appears to be enjoying exceptional [illegible] primary success.

What makes Westlakes different is the very powerful combination of its partners. Three local authorities — Copeland and Allerdale borough councils and the county council — together with BNFL and the Rural Development Commission, provide the [illegible] muscle through their [illegible]

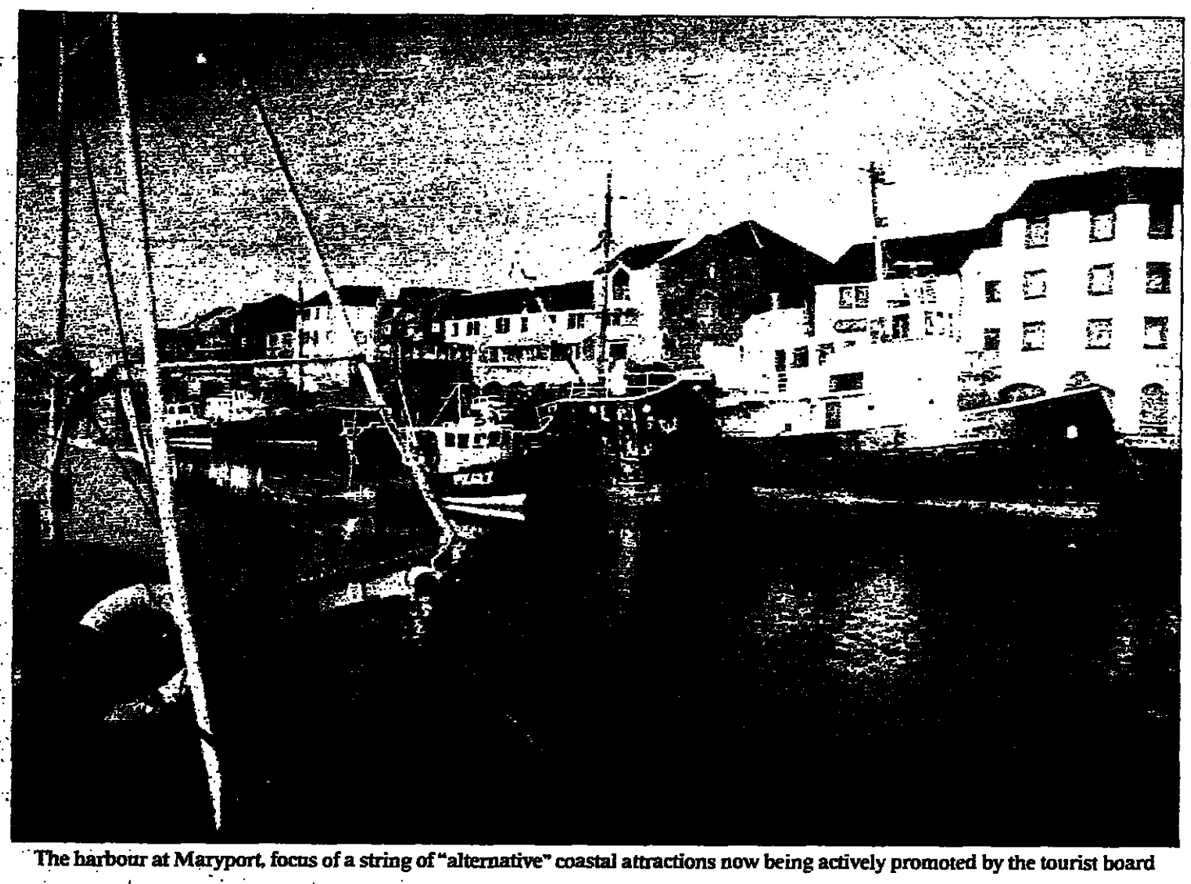
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Escape from the honeypots

Ronald Faux on how the tourist board is working to lure visitors off the over-beaten track



The harbour at Maryport, focus of a string of "alternative" coastal attractions now being actively promoted by the tourist board

Tourism has had both a beneficial and a damaging impact on Cumbria. The 13 million or more visitors to the Lake District each year who spend £446 million and help to sustain 42,160 jobs — one in six of the county's workforce — are a boon to the rural economy. But their passage can be seen in the deep scars their boots leave on the popular fells and summits, in the phenomenal spread of trinket shops, and in what many regard as a "Swiss-style" economy.

Holding tourism in balance, so that the scenery and peace are not damaged by those who arrive to enjoy them, has always been a delicate operation. With the rapid growth in leisure and the easy access afforded by motorways, the pressure on Cumbria from both domestic and overseas tourists grew strongly into the late 1980s, and a strategy to spread the benefits over a wider area was begun.

But in recent years recession and cheap air fares to places with guaranteed sunshine has eased the worst pressure on the honeypots of Bowness, Windermere, Ambleside and Keswick. There has been competition, too, in the "short break" market from what would once have been considered improbable sources, among them Wigan, Bradford, Liverpool and Manchester, all of which have developed into important tourist attractions.

John Owen, director of the Cumbria Tourist Board, says the aim now is to promote new tourist areas in the county in their own right, not as peripheral attractions that divert visitors from the honeypots.

"They must develop their own identity as a destination for visitors and avoid becoming mere overspill places," he says. "The strength of the Lake District is that it is a working, man-made landscape, and it is so important that this is maintained along with traditional industry and crafts. This holds communities together and is the very essence of what attracts people to come here. The balance has to be right. It has to be sustainable tourism."

To this end the tourist board works in close co-operation with the Lake District National Park and the National Trust, which both have a stake in achieving a proper balance for tourism. "The last thing we want to achieve is a kind of rural museum," he says.

The most recent attempt to refocus tourism in the county has been aimed at the Maryport, Whitehaven and Workington coastline, and south to Barrow-in-Furness, where help for the local economy has been sorely needed. There is now a string of attractions, from the harbour development and Roman museum in Maryport down through Workington and on to the fine Georgian centre of Whitehaven, where the town's development company is investing £8.5 million in revitalising the port's neglected heritage.

In Furness there is another series of visitor attractions, chief among them the recently opened Dock Museum in Barrow. The strikingly designed building spans a Victorian graving dock once owned by the Barrow Iron Shipbuilding Company. The permanent display traces the rapid industrial advance of Barrow from the 19th century to the present time — now the town's shipyard turns out the latest in nuclear-powered submarines. The Dock Museum will also provide space as a forum for fine and applied arts within Barrow.

> 'Breezy Breaks' allow weather freaks to savour the full force of a Pennines gale

Furness beckons visitors away from the honeypots on an "Incredible Journey" down Windermere and on to a steam train, which takes them towards Ulverston, with its Georgian streets and Laurel and Hardy museum, thence to the mayor's parlour in Barrow, where tea is served by the mayor in person. Equal ingenuity is going into the business of tourist attraction elsewhere in the county. There is "Cycling for Softies" by the Solway Group, a Victorian weekend in Silloth, and a coast-to-coast cycle ride that begins down an old railway line in Whitehaven. Surely the most bizarre exploitation of a natural asset, unmatched as yet by the west coast, is the Eden valley's attempt to market "Breezy Breaks" for weather freaks, allowing them to savour the full force of a gale on the Pennines.

With more and more attractions competing for a relatively static number of customers, Mr Owen believes that more promotion is needed to bring foreign visitors to the lesser-known visitor venues.

"We are just scratching the surface at the moment, and we must remember that overseas visitors spend far more per head. What the industry here has to come to terms with is the cultural change that has happened in the pattern of holiday-making. For years people would book well in advance; these days they might give less than a week's notice, which is hard on the nerves for anyone with an empty reservations book," he says.

These are difficult times for the trade. The expectation was that overall spending on tourism in Cumbria would by now have passed the £1 billion mark, but trading levels last year were little better than a decade ago, with much tighter profit margins. Only those few establishments investing in marketing and exceptional service could claim record success.

Cumbria is proud of its TEC's success rate — especially given the geography

Training for tomorrow

Training is the key to success in any economy, says Steve Palmer, chief executive of Cumbria Training and Enterprise Council. Equipping young people with appropriate qualifications and retraining those adults unable to find work are the surest ways to meet the challenge from the emerging industrial nations, *Ronald Faux writes*. Cumbria TEC has been eminently successful at carrying out its task of "ratcheting up the achievements of the workforce", he says. A recent analysis placed Cumbria top of the league table of 82 TECs in England and Wales on overall performance.

TECs are a radical response to the basic need to improve the skill and capability of the workforce. Unlike earlier models of training organisations, in which the mandarins of Whitehall had a part, TECs are locally independent and private companies, directed in the main by unpaid volunteers. They can tailor the TEC to the needs of a particular community, and harness the goodwill of local industry and the local authorities.

In Cumbria, 95 organisations employing 35,000 people are now pledged as "Investors in People", a set standard for the training and development of people in employment and one of more than a dozen advice, counselling and training schemes available via the TEC.

Cumbria achieved a high national score in the number of workers and trainees achieving National Vocational Qualifications through TEC sponsorship, and in guaranteeing a training place for every unemployed 16 or 17-year-old.

"We act as a wholesaler dealing with training and qualifications between the Government, which provides £18 million a year to run the service in Cumbria, and the companies and organisations which provide the training, and those who are being trained," Mr Palmer says.

Now in its fifth year, the Cumbria TEC serves some 4,000 youth trainees and 1,300 adult trainees. . Cumbria's unhelpful geography means that £750,000 (8 per cent) of the budget goes each year on simply transporting trainees to their training, which makes the TEC's achievement all the more remarkable.

"Compared with the old days we are working with 30 per cent less resources and achieving 30 per cent more in educational achievements and small business survivals. I reckon that's something to be proud of," Mr Palmer says. After youth training, 65 per cent of young people find jobs or go on to further training.

The Cumbria TEC owes much of its success to a close working



Steve Palmer: common sense

relationship with Cumbria County Council, and to remaining studiously apolitical. The importance of vocational training was grasped by all sides of industry and went beyond party politics or any one dogma. One result of this close partnership has been a careers guidance service second to none.

There is much TEC-speak bandied around the headquarters in Workington, and a host of snappily titled schemes, but Mr Palmer admits that the programme boils down to applied common sense. "It's not a scientific formula. The question is, does this training enable an individual to get a job, and make a greater success of that job when he or she has got it? Will that company communicate more effectively with its workers? All that contributes to happiness, and to the half-year profits. That is the bottom line."

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Farmers leave the hillsides

Cumbria's second biggest industry is in the throes of upheaval

The long arm of Brussels has reached the Cumbrian fells and caused a revolution, quiet but dramatic, and as serious in its long-term impact on the Cumbrian economy as the job cuts in Barrow and Sellafield, *Ronald Faux writes*. About one third of Cumbrians employed in agriculture have left the industry in the past eight years, and by the end of the decade another 4,000 may have gone, leaving fewer than 10,000 Cumbrians in a completely restructured industry.

The changes will not make headlines because they are cushioned by grant support, but the implications for rural life are serious. Agriculture still ranks as the second most important industry after tourism in Cumbria, earning £270 million a year in gross output, more than half of it in milk. Brussels may seem a world away from Langdale and Honister, but the changes wrought by the Common Agricultural Policy and the reforms to Gatt have left hill farmers, as one described it, between a rock and a hard place. Incomes have fallen, and increasingly they rely on grant support because the rules prevent them from earning more by increased production.

John Dunning, a hill farmer and businessman who years ago recognised the need to diversify his business, said that although livestock farming was enjoying something of an Indian summer, there were threatening clouds on the European horizon. A ban on the transport of live animals to the Continent would cost British agriculture £200 million, some of it from the dwindling accounts of Cumbrian farmers.

"We produce meat efficiently and make a better product at a lower price than any other part of the European Union. Anything they can do to resist a superior and cheaper product from Britain is fair game to them," Mr Dunning says.

The EC has recognised the plight of British hill farmers by allowing special status to the northern uplands, and a subsidy is expected to yield some £13 million to shield the fragile hill communities.

Roger Ward, regional director for the National Farmers' Union, believes that since economics have driven the changes, an economic solution is necessary. The industry has to diversify, and employment be found for those leaving hill farming. "They themselves are not in dire financial straits," Mr Ward says, "but what will the social impact be on the country schools, the rural bus services, rural housing, the village shop and post office?"

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Coach's disclosures at Asian Games add to mystique surrounding Chinese team

Peking emerges as possible host for 2004 Olympics



David Miller, in Hiroshima, on a nation's plans to match its triumphs on the track with a successful bid

While Qu Yunxia, the world record breaker in the women's 1,500 metres last year, was running away with the Asian Games 800 here yesterday, evidence was emerging that Peking is a likely candidate, and therefore favourite, as host city for the Olympic Games of 2004.

It will be a much-adjusted campaign from that which was defeated by two votes by Sydney last year for the 2000 Games. The spectacular development of women's athletics is not the only advance in Chinese sport. The various national sports federations are becoming increasingly autonomous — the football association has a new professional league, allowing three foreigners per club — and the federations are anxious to bid again: but only if the campaign is sports led and not government manipulated, as it controversially was in Monte Carlo.

"We don't need other ministers [besides the minister for sport]," Wei Jizong, the general secretary of the Chinese National Olympic Committee (NOC), said yesterday, reflecting on his government's intervention the last time, most notably in the final week with the injection of little-known government figures into the bidding committee's ranks, and the creation of the damaging public belief, false as it happened, that China would boycott Atlanta in 1996 if not elected.

"Our individual federations are not independent, being funded by government grant through the NOC, but they are highly autonomous." Wei said. "They believe the last bid was too political and want a new bid, this time to be sports orientated, like other cities."

Wei acknowledges that the International Olympic Committee demands government backing, to give a realistic financial foundation, but is convinced the next bid must be sports administered. Free of the government aura of Tiananmen Square repression, it is doubtful if Peking could be beaten. Zhang Baifa, the deputy mayor who handed over the Asian Games flag at the Hiroshima opening ceremony last week — Peking was the previous host in 1990 — has expressed agreement for a non-governmental bid.

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Foreign anxiety, however, about a politically fraught Peking Games was increased by the recent row over the invitation — about which the Peking government protested vociferously — to Lee Teng-hui, the president of Taiwan, to attend these games as the guest of Sheikh Ahmad, of Kuwait, the president of the Olympic Council of Asia.

Wei was at the centre of clandestine negotiations to avert the political crisis, mainland China's belief being that Lee would use the invitation as a lever to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Conference in Jakarta next month, from which Taiwan has previously been excluded.

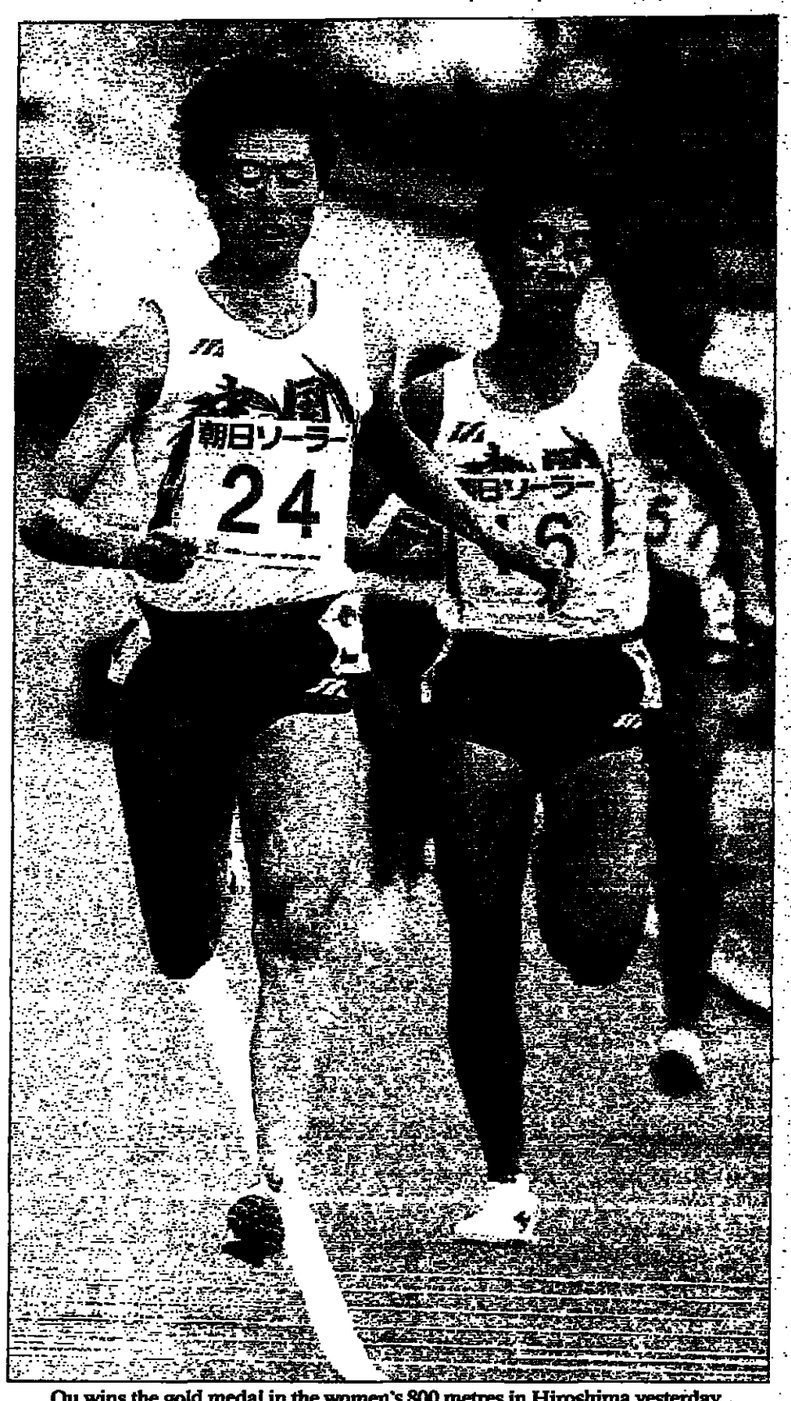
In the strange subtleties of the Chinese cultural temperament, in the event of a Peking Games, an invitation to Lee — who would have a legitimate right to attend in support of the Chinese Taipei National Olympic Committee — would be extended as "chairman of the Nationalist Party", rather than head of state, thereby avoiding mutual government embarrassment.

Wei is confident a new Peking bid could raise the campaign funds independent of government, especially now that costs are drastically reduced by the IOC's policy of pre-selection of a shortlist by an evaluation commission.

It was a forlorn scene at the £47-million new track and field stadium here yesterday, with a crowd of only a few thousand on account of the typhoon which skirted Hiroshima during the morning and caused the postponement of many finals until late afternoon.

As with so many women's middle and long-distance races these days, it was no contest. Liu Li led her compatriot, Qu, at the bell — she had recorded the second fastest time ever behind Qu in the National Games in Peking last year — but in the final straight Qu surged ahead to win by five yards in 1min 59.85sec, over nine seconds outside her record. The bronze medal went to Shiny Wilson, of India.

Explaining the relative drop in women's performances this season, compared with last, Qu said: "We have been concentrating in training primarily on conditioning rather than race performance, for our preparations for the world championships next year and the Olympics in 1996."



Qu wins the gold medal in the women's 800 metres in Hiroshima yesterday, a late burst having taken her past Liu. Photograph: Kimimasa Mayama

Ma reveals women underwent surgery

By Our Sports Staff

ELEVEN of China's world record-breaking women athletes underwent appendectomies last year, Ma Junren, their coach, revealed yesterday. The disclosure of the surgery on more than half of his squad of long-distance runners may explain their sudden loss of form.

It also adds to the mystique that has surrounded the team since its abrupt withdrawal from the grand prix circuit this year and departure from the public eye.

"We had to stop training last year because we were getting sick," Ma said in Japan. "We were having toxicological problems and that is why we are running slower times. They needed to recover from their operations."

Ma, whose athletes are known as Ma's Family Army, is famed for feeding his squad potions of turtle's blood and herbs.

Leading sports doctors have reacted to the news with puzzlement and amazement. "It is remarkable because it is a very high frequency for a small group of athletes in a very limited time span," Arne Ljungqvist, the chairman of the medical commission of the International Amateur Athletics Federation, said. "It seems strange to me."

Ichiro Kono, the Japan team doctor, said there were certain cases when intense training provoked appendicitis. "In very rare cases, a highly active person in intense training can provoke appendicitis," Kono said.

Ma's women have baffled observers since appearing on the scene and winning several gold medals at the world championships in Stuttgart in August last year. Wang Junxia, one of the runners revealed to have had her appendix removed, took an astonishing 42 seconds off the 10,000 metres world record the following month.

Doherty's display offers no opening for King

By Phil Yates

KEN Doherty, Ronnie O'Sullivan and Alan McManus, three upwardly mobile members of snooker's elite top 16, all made progress in the Skoda Grand Prix at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, yesterday with determined performances.

Doherty, the world No 7, became the first player through to the last 16 of the season's second ranking event with a 5-0 victory over Mark King, of Romford, that took only 71 minutes to complete. The Irishman made breaks of 115 and 84 in outscoring King 429-73.

"It's very pleasing to win so comfortably because these early rounds can often be a graveyard for the seeds," Doherty said. "There are a lot of players who you don't see much of on television who are capable of beating anyone."

One such player is Jason Weston, of Portsmouth. Weston, ranked No 102, held O'Sullivan, the United Kingdom champion, to 2-2 before O'Sullivan's capture of the fifth frame from 64 points in arrears gave him irresistible momentum.

O'Sullivan, who won the fifth frame on the black, compiled a 67 break in the sixth and 71 in the eighth before complaining that supporters of Weston among the spectators had broken his concentration during the match.

McManus followed his victory in the Dubai Classic with a 5-1 first-round victory over Nigel Gilbert, of Bedford. "I didn't feel all that happy about my game when I arrived in Dubai but that's certainly not the case now," McManus said. James Wattana, of Thailand, after two recent first-round defeats, returned to winning ways by beating John Read, of Wolverhampton, 5-1.

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Australian yachtsmen seek legal ruling

JOHN Bertrand and his One Australia America's Cup syndicate went to court in California yesterday in an effort to stop a committee of Cup trustees from ruling on the legitimacy of their challenge (Barry Pickthall writes).

Rival syndicates have accused the Bertrand camp of, at the very least, breaking the spirit of the rules by entering into an agreement with another Sydney-based challenge, headed by the Cup veteran, Syd Fischer, to share technical and design information.

Syndicates are limited to building two new boats. But by joining forces, the two groups have built three boats between them after sharing building and design facilities.

The three-man trustees' committee, made up representatives of past and present Cup winners, was due to meet next Tuesday to decide whether they had jurisdiction.

Bertrand, however, insists that the matter should be dealt with by the international protest committee, which is headed by John Doer, of Great Britain.

"It is a matter of great regret that court intervention is sought to ensure that the correct forum hears allegations of this nature," Warren Jones, the One Australia spokesman, said yesterday. "This damages the event's credibility and it should never have been allowed to go this far."

Jones blamed the San Diego YC, which holds the Cup, for the problems. Frank Hope, the chairman of the Cup committee, disagreed, pointing out that the trustees' committee was formed after the 1988 Cup races to resolve such disputes without recourse to the courts.

All participating syndicates, including One Australia, pledged when they entered the 1995 event to submit disagreements to this committee.

SPORTS LETTERS

Stamping warrants life ban

From Professor G. Clayton

Sir, Since 1989 I have made several forlorn attempts to galvanise the administrators of rugby union into some effective action to remove the canker of thuggery and foul play which is eating out the heart of the game. Sadly, the officials adopted the administrators' favourite ploy, when faced with an unpalatable problem, of denying its existence.

Dudley Wood, Secretary of the Rugby Football Union, was courteous enough to write to me at considerable length but went so far as to assert that rugby was not as rough a game as it had been 30 years ago. All my contemporaries, who were playing 40 and 50 years ago, including several internationals, found this claim astonishing and totally unconvincing.

I have been so angered by the news (October 10) that the South Africans have selected Elandre van der Berg for the forthcoming tour of Wales, Scotland and Ireland (following Sale's totally inadequate response to the assault on Dewi Morris) that I have taken up the cudgels again.

I appeal to the International Rugby Football Board and all the national unions to embark on a campaign to rid the game of thuggery once and for all and to begin by making the penalty for deliberately stamping on an opponent a lifetime ban. The Welsh, Scottish and Irish unions should inform the South African union that Van der Berg is *persona non grata*. I also appeal to club selection committees to purge themselves of hypocrisy and complacency and refuse to select players whom they know to have thuggish tendencies.

Yours sincerely,
GEORGE CLAYTON,
8 Barnfield Drive,
Sandygate, Sheffield,
South Yorkshire.

Women advance in coaching

From Ms Jill Long

Sir, It was heartening to read Louise Taylor's article on female coaches in football (October 3). I have been involved with women's football for over 25 years, particularly with the Southampton team that won eight national cup finals in the Seventies and had five players in the England team.

Marie Wieczorek's hectic home life has a familiar ring for me and my contemporaries. In those days there was hardly any help from professional quarters, and certainly no community schemes or opportunities in schools.

However, it is a pity the article still relegated the women's role in football to the lower qualifications of basic leader/teacher certificates, or at best, the preliminary coaching award. We have in the Southampton area Sue Lopez, a former Southampton and England player, who since 1991 has held the FA full advanced licence, the qualification held by most leading professional managers. She is the only female advanced coach and was recently appointed coaching co-ordinator for the Hampshire FA, responsible for the coaching, in the whole county, for men and women, boys and girls.

The Football Association needs to take the women's game out from "under its official umbrella" into the open, give it full support and acknowledge those women who work tirelessly, and with little thanks, to support and develop the women's game.

Yours etc.,
JILL LONG,
74 Captain's Place,
Terminus Terrace,
Southampton.

Hitting the mark

From Mr Sandy Johnston

Sir, I enjoyed Andrew Longmore's accurate and perceptive piece on long-range target rifle shooting (October 10).

I am delighted to see some visibility afforded to a shooting discipline which stands public scrutiny rather better than some of the more sensationalist aspects of the sport.

I shall defend to the hilt those who wish to festoon themselves with holsters, speed loaders and ammunition pouches in order to leap (sometimes) with admirable athleticism around the shooting equivalent of an obstacle course.

I have attended such events as a spectator and found them to be safely and professionally run. They do, however, inevitably and unfortunately, encourage a "Rambo" perception of our sport.

Spare a thought for those who spend long hours measuring fractions of grammes of powder into hand-polished cartridge cases, agonise over the choice of a yellow or an orange filter in the foresight, study the wind in the flags, and, finally, in rain, hail or shine, try to coax half an ounce of copper-jacketed lead those long thousand yards into the 10-inch V-bull.

Yours etc.,
SANDY JOHNSTON,
2 Canford Road, SW11.

Injury study

From Mr Iain Hutchison

Sir, Yet another footballer, Bruce Grobbelaar, has sustained severe facial injuries (report, October 10).

Such injuries, which seem to be increasing in the professional game, affect clubs financially, with players out of action for many weeks, such as Gary Mabbutt at Tottenham: affect clubs and national teams' success, with key players being removed from the game (Paul Gascoigne's substitution against Holland may have cost England a place in the World Cup); may have legal consequences (the Blissett case); and may cause permanent cosmetic and functional problems for players.

The British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons has proposed a study with all professional football clubs in the UK to look at the incidence, severity and problems created by these injuries.

We want to co-ordinate treatment efforts, so that all professional and semi-professional clubs are covered by a maxillofacial surgeon, and to encourage treatment policies, which not only restore good cosmetic appearance and function, but also enable a rapid return to active duty by affected players.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN HUTCHISON,
Consultant oral and facial surgeon,
St Bartholemew's Hospital, EC1.

Hard words

From Mr Ehsan Mani

Sir, It is unfortunate that *The Times* sent Michael Henderson to cover a tremendous cricket series being played in Pakistan against Australia.

He seemed unable to write without making derogatory remarks about Pakistan cricket administration, umpires, team and captain.

Perhaps, like the England players on their last visit to Pakistan, he will qualify for a hardship allowance.

Yours faithfully,
EHSAN MANI,
Representative of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan to the International Cricket Council,
43 Queens Grove, NW8.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5211. They must include a daytime telephone number.

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JILDI

(b) Military slang, originally Anglo-Indian, for haste, as in phrases such as *on the jildi* in a hurry, and to *do* or *move a jildi*. Variants such as *jeldi*, *jildy* and *juldie*. From the Hindi *jaldi* quickness. Kipling, *Barrack-Room Ballads*, 1890: "You pat some *juldee* in it/ Or I'll *marrow* you this minute."

MOHINI-ATTAM

(a) The name of an Indian dance for women showing the influence of the Kathakali school and noted for its gentle and graceful style. From *Mohini* the name of the supreme seductress of Hindu mythology (Sanskrit *muh* confuse, bewilder) + Tamil *attam* dance. "Mohini-Attam was performed exclusively by women and was largely used by prostitutes to attract patrons. Because of its immoral associations, Mohini-Attam fell into great disfavour and declined."

HATHI

(a) An elephant; also attributively, a *hathi tractor* was a kind of tractor used in the war of 1914-18. From the Hindi *hasti*, Sanskrit *hastin* an elephant, *hasta* elephant's trunk or a hand. "We came to the Ramganga, a deep stream, which our elephant waded across. The hathi nearly floated his driver off his neck."

KANJAR

(c) A generic term for certain small gypsy communities which wander about India. "All Kanjars, however, are not criminals: many are poor and fairly respectable hunters and *shikaris*."

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Baker, Robert William Baker late of Camberwell, London SE5 died there on 1st February 1994 (Estate about £20,000).

Bolt, Stanley John Bolt late of Wymondham, Norfolk, died at Norwich, Norfolk on 21st June 1994 (Estate about £80,000).

Carey, Timothy Carey late of Southwark, London SE1 died at London Bridge, London SE1 on 9th January 1994 (Estate about £5,500).

Coles, Moreen Coles Spinster late of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire died there on 2nd Novemeber 1992 (Estate about £17,000).

Gaffney, Violet May Gaffney Spinster late of Bromley, Kent died there on 22nd January 1994 (Estate about £24,000).

Grant, James William Grant late of Upper Norwood, London SE19 died there on 26th May 1993 (Estate about £7,000).

Higgins, Patrick Higgins late of Westminster, London SW1 died there on 11 January 1993 (Estate about £45,000).

Irvine otherwise King otherwise Irvine-King, Kenneth Peter Miller Irvine otherwise Kenneth Peter Irvine King otherwise Kenneth Peter Irvine-King late of Westgate on Sea, Kent died there on 24th April 1994 (Estate about £12,000).

Jones, Albert Edward Jones late of Stockton on Tees, Cleveland died there on 24th July 1994 (Estate about £35,000).

Marquis, Edward Percival Marquis late of Thornton Heath, Surrey died there on 17th May 1993 (Estate about £30,000).

McGreagahan otherwise McGreenaghan, Patrick Joseph McGreaghan otherwise Patrick McGregahan otherwise Patrick McGrenaghan late of Billericay, Essex died there on 19th January 1992 (Estate about £5,000).

Moss, Harry Albert Moss late of Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire died there on 25th December 1993 (Estate about £5,500).

Sharp otherwise Trevor, Percival Sharp otherwise Edmund Trevor late of Brentwood, Essex died there on 9th October 1993 (Estate about £45,000).

Sheehan, Bridget Sheehan Widow late of Poplar, London E14 died there on 17th November 1992 (Estate about £4,660).

Wray, Leslie Walter Wray late of Saltburn, Cleveland died there on 5th June 1994 (Estate about £48,000).

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (RV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

Brian Norman Associates Limited, Grosvenor Creative Services Limited, Langen Wind & Norman Limited. We, Roger W.Cork and David A. Rolph, of Moore Stephens, St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Brian Norman Associates Limited - Registered Number 2010830 and Langen Wind & Norman Limited - Registered Number 1336856, by Coutts & Co. on 6th October 1994, Dated 10th October 1994. Roger W.Cork and David A.Rolph, Joint Administrative Receivers

LEGAL NOTICES

Bridgewater Films Limited. Notice is Hereby Given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 26th October 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co.PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 6th October 1994. Stephen Anthony Evans, Director.

Gaff Management Limited. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 24th October 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 7th October 1994. W A Gaff - Director.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No 004743 of 1994
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF ANGLO ST JAMES PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 6th October, 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £6,245,063.80 divided into 20,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 0.15p each and 16,228,319 Deferred Shares of 0.20p each to £3,000,000 divided into 20,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 0.15p each and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 6th October, 1994.
Dated this 6th day of October, 1994
Watson, Farley & Williams 15 Appold Street London EC2A 2HB Solicitors for the above-named Company

JPL Plastics Limited. Notice is Hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 24th October 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. Dated this 7th October 1994. J H Piper - Director.

Manor Brickwork Limited. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 27th October 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co.PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 7th October 1994. Giles Whittbread - Director.

No. 005500 of 1994 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION In the matter of OLS HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED And in the matter of the Companies Act 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 25 August 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £300,000,000 to £73,944,344 AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 26th day of October 1994 ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated this 4th day of October 1994.
TAYLOR JOYNSON GARRETT Solicitors for the above-named Company of Carmelite, 50 Victoria Embankment, Blackfriars, London, EC4Y 0DX. Ref: DJT/NXS Tel: 071 353 1234

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TAYLOR JOYNSON GARRETT Solicitors for the above-named Company of Carmelite, 50 Victoria Embankment, Blackfriars, London EC4Y 0DX. Ref: DJT/NXS. Tel: 071 353 1234.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that creditors of the company are required, on or before 6 November 1994, to submit details in writing of any claim against the company to the undersigned Martin Fishman, c/o Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, the Liquidator of the company. A notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 was previously advertised in The Times on 10 July 1992. The Liquidator also gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A(6) that he intends to make a final distribution on 8 November 1994 to creditors who have submitted their claims by 4 November 1994 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. This final distribution will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved. The company is able to pay all of its known creditors in full. Dated this 7th day of October 1994. M. Fishman Liquidator.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Hightons Organisation Limited Registered Number: 1984562. Former company name: none. Trading Name: Hightons Organisation Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacture & Installation of In-Store Concepts. Trade Classification: 4950. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 5 October 1994. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Names of persons appointed: Paul M. Davis & Derrick S. Wood, 7th Floor Western House, 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon CR0 0XH. Office Holder Nos: 007805 & 002969. Joint Administrative Receivers.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Kettering Leisure Village Limited Registered number: 02603743. Nature of business: Leisure Centre. Trade Classification: 89 - Recreational Services. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 6 October 1994. Name of person appointing administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Names of administrative receivers: Richard James Reed & Alan John Bratcher Office Holder Nos: 4620 & 1095. Addresses: Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3QY.

Rizpak Limited. The Insolvency Act 1986. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the eleventh of November 1994, to send in their full forenames and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Shirley A Jackson of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fullwood Place, Grays Inn, London WC1V 6HZ, Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Note: This notice is purely formal, all known creditors should be paid in full. Dated this 27th day of September 1994. Shirley Angela Jackson - Liquidator.

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Murray Telecommunications Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held in the Forte Plough & Harrow, 135 Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham on the 19th of October 1994 at noon for the purposes provided for in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act lists of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at Stephen Cona & Co., 2nd Floor, 17 St Ann's Square, Manchester M2 7PW on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Dated 7th October 1994. J MURRAY, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986. Insignia Catering City Limited. Notice is Hereby given Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held on 27 October 1994 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq. of the said Act. Notice is further given that Steven George Taylor MIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act. Notice to Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated this 30 day of September 1994 By Order of the Board. P.J. Houldsworth, Director.

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Notice is hereby given that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgate House, 350 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 29 September 1994.
MELVYN L. ROSE FCA
LIQUIDATOR
6 October 1994

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to s.27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having a claim against, or entitlement to a pension or any benefit or contingent or potential benefit from or interest in the above named Scheme, which commenced winding-up on 31 May 1990, by reason of his or her own or a relative's or any other person's employment with News (UK) Limited, is hereby requested to send particulars in writing of his or her claim or entitlement to Mrs R J Kumik Group Pensions Manager, News International plc, P.O. Box 495, Virginia Street, London E1 9XY, acting for the Trustees of the Plan and to send such particulars not later than two months after appearance of this Notice, after which date the Trustees will distribute the assets of the Plan among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and entitlements of which the Trustees have had Notice and will not, in respect of the assets so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim or entitlement it shall not then have had Notice.
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Squad named for visit by US

Mullin welcomed back into the fold by Ireland

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

BRENDAN Mullin, who said in August that he was available for international rugby after two years' absence, was named yesterday in Ireland's training squad for the match against the United States at Lansdowne Road on November 5. The XV will not be confirmed until October 23, but there is every indication that Mullin will add to the 45 caps he won between 1984 and 1992.

The centre, Ireland's leading international try-scorer with 15, retired after playing against Scotland in 1992, citing pressure of business, though he was also known to be disillusioned at Ireland's apparent inability to keep pace with international developments.

However, he has maintained form and fitness with Blackrock College and, but for demands on his time as a stockbroker, might have toured with Ireland to Australia last summer. Mullin was omitted from the first national training squad of the season but only so that the selectors could assess his form before restoring him to the squad, which they hope will go forward to next year's World Cup.

All those who appeared in the two-match international series against Australia have been named in the 29-strong party to train at Mullingar on October 22-23. There will be, however, a considerable knock-on effect for the district series with the Scots to be played that weekend, since both Leinster and Munster will be deprived of their best players for their matches against, respectively, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Only three uncapped players have been named: Alan McGowan and David Humphreys, the stand-off halves, and Ben Cronin, the Garryowen No 8. McGowan, deputy to Eric Elwood in Australia, will take particular interest in Elwood, who damaged an ankle in the first week of September and has not played since. Alain Rolland, the Blackrock scrum half, is also out of action with damaged knee ligaments and the selectors may call in another scrum half.

That could be Stephen McIvor, of Garryowen, named yesterday in the Irish development XV to play the Americans in Galway on November 1. McIvor has been the form player this season and Andy Leslie, Garryowen's coach from New Zealand, believes him to be already the best scrum half in the country.

There will be a warm welcome back for Pat O'Hara, the experienced flanker whose rugby was severely affected last season by a knee injury. He has decided to defer retirement until after the World Cup and there must be a good prospect that he will play against the United States in his first international since the victory over England in 1993; he may do so in conjunction with his club colleague from Cork Constitution, David Corkery, the open-side who was one of the finds of the Australian tour. Gary Halpin, the London Irish prop, is carrying a calf injury and may miss the match.

The wings now studying at Oxford University, Tyrone Howe and Innes Gray, are named in the development XV, along with Neil Donovan, the London Irish prop. The two vacancies, at centre and lock, will be filled after this weekend, but none of those who play in Galway will be chosen for the international.

Noel Murphy, Ireland's chairman of selectors, and Gerry Murphy, the coach, watched the international in Cardiff last night between Wales and Italy. Ireland have a direct interest in the winner, who will join them in group C of the World Cup, while they hope to play the loser in a warm-up match on May 5.

☐ Richard Loe, the New Zealand prop, has been suspended for three weeks for a stamping incident during the Ranfurly Shield match last month between Canterbury and Otago. A disciplinary inquiry decided to ban him for stamping on John Timu, his fellow international.

Loe, who was suspended for six months last year for an eye-gouging incident, will miss the first half of Canterbury's tour to Britain next month as a result. However, should Canterbury decide not to select him for the tour, he will miss the opening of next season. It remains to be seen, however, whether this latest infraction affects his place in the national squad to which he was recalled only this year.

☐ Ian McIntosh, the coach to South Africa last year and this until his sacking in August, is to resume as coach to Natal. McIntosh spent seven years as the province's coach, during which time Natal won the Currie Cup in 1990 and 1992.

DETAILS

IRELAND TRAINING SQUAD: Backs: C Clarke (Terenure College), C O'Shea (Lansdowne), S Geoghegan (Bath), R Wallace (Garryowen), N Woods (Blackrock College), J Bell (Ballymena), P Danaher (Garryowen), M Field (Malone), B Mullin (Blackrock College), E Elwood (Lansdowne), D Humphreys (Ballymena), A McGowan (Blackrock College), M Bradley (Cork Constitution), A Rolland (Blackrock College). Forwards: P Clohessy (Young Munster), J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), G Halpin (London Irish), N Popplewell (Wasps), K Wood (Garryowen), T Kingston (Dolphin), N Francis (Old Belvedere), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), M Galwey (Shannon), P Johns (Dungannon), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), D McBride (Malone), P O'Hara (Cork Constitution), B Cronin (Garryowen), B Robinson (Ballymena).

IRISH DEVELOPMENT XV: Clarke; I Gray (Oxford University), A N Other, M McCall (Bangor, captain), T Howe (Oxford University); Humphreys, S McIvor (Garryowen); N Donovan (London Irish), S Byrne (Blackrock College), A McKeen (Lansdowne), A Foley (Shannon), A N Other, B Cusack (Bective Rangers), K McKee (Instonians), Cronin.



England cricketers of the present and, perhaps, of the future assembled at Lord's yesterday to launch an under-15 World Cup, which will be held for the first time in August 1996 with the help of a £500,000 sponsorship package from Lombard plc. Mark Ramprakash, left, Graham Thorpe, second from left, and Alec Stewart, behind the stumps, were joined by Gareth Batty, second from left, David Sales, and Marc Snell, batting, who have all graduated through the ranks of England junior teams. Schoolboys from eight countries will take part in the competition, which will take place in England under International Cricket Council rules.
Photograph: Des Jenson

SFA upholds £100,000 fine on Celtic

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

CELTIC'S legal battles threaten to outnumber their league fixtures. It was announced yesterday that a Scottish Football Association appeals committee had upheld the £100,000 fine imposed on the club for inducing Tommy Burns to leave Kilmarnock and take up the manager's post at Celtic Park.

A terse statement issued by Celtic read: "The matter has been referred to our legal advisers, who are considering what our next step should be." The fine must be paid within 14 days.

It had emerged on Tuesday that Lou Macari, Burns's predecessor, was suing the club for wrongful dismissal and seeking £431,000 in damages. Celtic may yet also hear from lawyers acting for Tommy Craig, once their assistant manager, who has been made redundant.

The problems stem in part from the need for the new regime, which took over at the club in March, to make drastic changes after five years of failure. Nonetheless, there has been criticism in some circles of the owner and managing director, Fergus McCann, who refused to offer compensation to Kilmarnock for Burns.

McCann, however, is adamant that he has acted properly. He states that Burns freely applied for the job with Celtic and that no inducement was involved. Nor is there any remorse over dealings with Macari, who was dismissed in June. Indeed, the club now intends to sue him for alleged mismanagement.

On the day of Macari's dismissal an official statement said: "In the opinion of the board, Mr Macari had failed to attend to his responsibilities at Celtic Park, including adequate direction and supervision of the various departments in his charge. He frequently resided as many as four or five days out of seven with his family in Stoke-on-Trent, and despite promises to move his family to Glasgow, he failed to do so." It is against this background that McCann promises a "vigorous" defence of the court action.

More cheerful negotiations were concluded yesterday when Motherwell signed Scott Howie, the former Clyde goalkeeper, from Norwich City for £200,000.

Tranmere Rovers, of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, have completed the signing of Gary Stevens, the Rangers full back, for a club record £350,000.

Stevens, the former England international, has been on loan at Prenton Park for the last four weeks. He moved to Ibrox from Everton during the summer of 1988, Rangers winning the Scottish League title in each of his six seasons at the club. However, he was hampered by a broken foot the season before last, when he played only nine games. He made 29 league appearances last season.

The Liverpool manager, Roy Evans, has told Michael Thomas that he will not be allowed to leave the club on a loan basis. The midfield player is out of favour at Anfield and was interested in following the example of Mark Walters, Paul Stewart and Ronnie Whelan by moving on loan elsewhere, but Evans said: "He is still part of my first-team pool and I don't want to weaken our squad."

Hastings brothers ignored

BY ALAN LORIMER

GAVIN Hastings, the Scotland rugby union captain, will miss the opening game of the Scottish-Irish provincial series which starts on October 22. The full back, who earlier made clear his intention to play fewer matches this season in the build-up to the World Cup, has had his request granted but only because of non-selection.

Rob Flockhart, the Edinburgh team manager, said: "This season there is a player-formed policy to make selection dependent on ability to attend squad training sessions. Gavin was unable to fulfil the training commitments and so as we shall need a large pool for the McEwan's inter-district championship in December we took this opportunity to experiment with several other players. Gavin fully understands the situation."

Also missing for similar reasons will be Scott Hastings, the centre, and Ken Milne, the Scotland hooker, but the absence from the Edinburgh side of the three international players will be balanced by that of Ireland players in the Munster side. The Irish Rugby Union has refused permission for players to appear in the provincial teams for the first round because of a clash with an Ireland training session for the game against the United States.

Gavin Hastings's place at full back goes to Nick Mardon.

EDINBURGH: N Mardon (Boroughmuir), F Henderson (Watsonians), A McRobbie (Heriot's FP), D Wyllie (Stewart's-Melville FP), J Kerr (Watsonians), A Donaldson (Currie), G Burns (Stewart's-Melville FP), R McNulty (Stewart's-Melville FP), P Hastie (Edinburgh Academicals), S Paul (Heriot's FP), B Ward (Currie), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals, captain), P Jennings (Boroughmuir), G Dall (Heriot's FP), S Reid (Boroughmuir). Replacements: P Flockhart (Stewart's-Melville FP), H Gilmour (Heriot's FP), R Dickson (Currie), D Burns (Boroughmuir), A Kittle (Stewart's-Melville FP), G Ellis (Currie).

NORTH AND MIDLANDS: S Burns (Edinburgh Acad), M Cousin (Dundee HSFP), P Rouse (Dundee HSFP), R Shepherd (Edinburgh Acad), J Mitchell (Kirkcaldy); J Newton (Dundee HSFP), K Harper (Stirling Co); J Manson (Dundee HSFP), M Scott (Dunfermline), D Herrington (Dundee HSFP), D McIvor (Edinburgh Acad), S Campbell (Dundee HSFP), J Mathieson (Watsonians); C Allan (Dundee HSFP), M Waite (Edinburgh Acad). Replacements: A Carruthers (Kirkcaldy), A Imrie (Kirkcaldy), W Anderson (Kirkcaldy), R Calmay (Dundee HSFP), J Thomson (Edinburgh Wand), G Flockhart (Stirling Co).

Keegan enhances England claims

FROM PETER BALL IN VIENNA

THE education of England's finest young footballers sometimes takes them down surprising byways. The Alpenstadion, in Kapfenberg, is a far cry from St James' Park, but Kevin Keegan and his team gained some valuable experience as they beat Austria 3-1 in the Uefa under-21 championship on Tuesday.

It was an eye-opener for Keegan in his first match in charge. "I was surprised you can have a game in a place like this," he said. "The pitch wasn't very good, it was difficult to get control of the ball, it took players two or three touches to get it where they wanted it, and that invites tackles. And the referee wasn't consistent. He had spells when he blew up for everything and others when he let tackles fly in."

The main victim was Robbie Fowler, who was sent off harshly, perhaps unjustly, two minutes from the end. Fowler, who had played an important part in the first two of his Liverpool colleague Jamie Redknapp's hat-trick, was inconsolable afterwards, protesting his innocence. "I had been caught before, and the No 5 kept on whacking me," Fowler said. "I turned to the ref and put up three fingers, showing him it was the third time. I was stunned when he got the yellow card out, and I couldn't believe it when he gave me the red."

The Russian referee's performance impressed nobody. Fifa's edict on tackling from behind apparently not having reached him. But Fowler can take heart from the words of his manager, who was sent off in an under-23 game in Magdeburg, Germany, without serious consequences for his career. "He shouldn't worry about it, but he should learn from it," Keegan said. "He is such a talent, he's been an absolute model in training, he's a terrific prospect."



Fowler: distraught

But perhaps the biggest success was Keegan himself. His own enthusiasm for the game communicates itself to the players. Watching him happily holding a press conference in German, it was hard not to see him as the natural successor to Terry Venables. He has no fear, and as a result nor do his players. England's under-21s, like Newcastle, benefited from that leadership.

World Cup may omit Marseilles from plans

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MARSEILLES, the capital of football in France, may be left out of the 1998 World Cup finals because of a dispute over enlarging the Stade Velodrome, home ground of the 1993 European club champions. Marseilles is booked to stage one of the World Cup semi-finals in four years, but national and regional bodies are locked in a stalemate over who will foot the bill to extend the stadium's capacity from 40,000 to 60,000.

Fernand Sastre, the World Cup organising committee co-president, has rejected a compromise plan to limit the extension to 50,000 places.

"We gave our word to Fifa [the game's governing body] when we were awarded the finals," Sastre said. "Fifa would never accept a change to our plans. It's a 60,000 stadium or the loss of Marseilles as a venue."

The estimated cost of renovations for a 60,000-seat stadium is FFr340 million (about £40 million). The French government, regional bodies and city have agreed to meet most of it but there is still a shortfall nearly £5 million. Robert Vigouroux, the mayor of Marseilles, has called on Michele Alliot-Marie, the minister for sport, to intervene and a meeting is planned for Saturday.

The idea of a 50,000-seat stadium, however, has the support of Bernard Tapie, the powerful president of Marseilles football club. "You have to be crazy to spend 340 million francs at the moment on the Stade Velodrome. I would prefer a stadium of 50,000," he said.

Australians' flair lights their play

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE 1994 Kangaroos have already debunked the popular theory that Australian rugby league remains steeped in defence to the exclusion of attacking flair. It was the case once but cosy assumptions have been made a nonsense enough times for the English game to know better.

Although the first John Smith's international at Wembley is still nine days away, Australia have handed out enough lessons already — in creativity, attacking imagination and outstanding support play. In 1982, the Kangaroos ripped the blinkers off the game here, highlighting another misconception that while physically stronger, the British were somehow more skilful than their counterparts.

The three internationals might cause the shutters to come down but it would be unwise of Great Britain to bank on it. Australia have played with abandon, which is not to say that when the time comes they cannot mount the sort of rearguard Australian sides are renowned for.

Compared with the early stages of the last tour he captained, four years ago, Mal Meninga said yesterday that he was greatly encouraged. "On the back of some patchier performances in 1990, we lost the first Test at Wembley. This time we appear to have hit form staight away. We expected the Leeds game in particular, to be more intense."

Meninga recognises that the Australians' use of the rigorously enforced ten-metre offside rule at the play-the-ball has been one of the big differences between the touring team and their opponents. The rule has been operating in the Winfield Cup for two years and sides are used to exploiting the extra space.

With ball-handling out of a juggler's manual, allied to pace and awesome forward strength, it is all that opponents can do to stop them. By contrast, English sides appear more laboured. Indeed, there are signs that after years of painstaking progress since the benchmark visit of 1982, the game here has taken a pace backwards.

Meninga has been surprised by the amount of impeding at the play-the-ball and the rash of head-high tackles in the domestic game. Barrie McDermott, of Wigan, would have been banned for at least 12 games in Australia for the challenge with his elbow on Paul Sironen, instead of the two-match ban he actually received, Meninga believes.

"I think, too, that with Australian referees in charge of the Tests, you'll see the ten-metres properly enforced," he said. The net result, almost certainly, will be more of the same from Australia.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 0 Wimbledon 0. League Cup: Swansea 4 Hereford 0.

Tuesday's results

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 championship: Group abc Austria 1 England 3. Other results: Group one: Israel 2 Slovakia 0 (in Ashdod). Group two: Denmark 0 Belgium 1 (in Copenhagen). Group three: Turkey 3 Iceland 0 (in Istanbul); Switzerland 0, Sweden 5. Group five: Malta 0 Czech Republic 7 (in Valletta); Belarus 3 Luxembourg 0 (in Minsk). Group seven: Bulgaria 1 Georgia 0 (in Sofia). Group eight: Russia 3 San Marino 0 (in Moscow).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Third division: Northampton 0, Mansfield 1.

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern section: Bradford 1, Huddersfield 2.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 1, Macclesfield 2; Southport 4, Halifax 0; Welling 1, Bromsgrove 2; Yeovil 1, Woking 2.

FA CUP: Third qualifying round: Replay: Spennymoor 2 Tow Law 1 (aet); Durham 3 Whitby 1; Braintree 3 Billericay 3, Dover 1 Chertsey 0 (aet); Dorchester 0 Bashley 2; Waterlooville 0 Salisbury 1; Trowbridge 1 Newport AFC 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 2 Chorley 1; Frickley 1 Buxton 1; Gainsborough 3 Emley 0, Knowsley 0 Winsford 5, Marine 4 Droylsden 1; Witton 1 Colwyn Bay 4. First division: Bamber Bridge 1 Workington 1; Curzon Ashton 3 Fleetwood 1; Harrogate 0 Netherfield 2; Lancaster 2 Atherton LR 3; Radcliffe 1 Caernarfon 0.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham 1 Chelsea 3

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1 Everton 0; Liverpool 2 Notts Forest 1; Rotherham 1 Wolverhampton 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Baldock 2 Ashford 2. Midland division: Hinckley Town 1 Buckingham 4. Dr Martens Cup: First round, first Leg: Bridgnorth Town 3 Stourbridge 1

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Kingstonian 1 Handon 2; Marlow 1 Chesham 4. Postponed: Hitchin v Dulwich. First division: Basingstoke 3 Whyteleafe 2; Boreham Wood 3 Barking 2. Second division: Aveley 0 Saffron Walden 1; Met Police 2 Hungerford 0. Third division: Hertford 4 East Thurrock 0; Horsham 1 Southall 1. Carlsberg Trophy: First round: Leighton 2 Tring 1

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Arlesey 6 Bradna Sparta 1; Biggleswade 0 Shillington 3, Harpenden 3 Dunstable OB 1; Letchworth 1 Hatfield 1; Potters Bar 3 Welwyn 2; Wingate and Finchley 4 Hoddesdon 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Andover 2 Christchurch 2.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Haringey Borough 1 Welham Abbey 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Liversedge 0 Armthorpe Welfare 2; Maltby MW 1 Denaby 2; Pickering 1 Ossett Albion 4.

MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Stapenhill 1 Rushall Olympic 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Elmore 1 Bristol MF 1; Liskeard 4 Crediton 1; Mangotsfield 4 Ilsuton 5.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: Hebburn 4 Dunston FB 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: First Leg: Atherton Collieries 0 Castleton 1, Blackpool Mecs 3 Bacup 0; Blackpool Rovers 0 Haslingden 0; Bradford PA 4 Flixton 2, Kidsgrove Ath 1 Cheadle 0; Glossop NE 1 Ham 1; Oldham Town 5 Burscough 2; Prescot 0 Bootle 1; North Trafford 4 Chadderton 0.

TNT GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Linfield 2 Portadown 2 (Linfield win 4-3 on pens); Ballymena 0 Coleraine 1

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: Herne Bay 0 Crockenhill 0; Feversham 2 Cray Wanderers 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 0 Monaco 3; Le Havre 0 Nantes 0, Martigues 1 Metz 1; Montpellier 2 Lyons 2; Nice 0 Caen 1, Paris Saint-Germain 3 Lille 0; Rennes 2 Auxerre 2; Sochaux 2 Cannes 1; St Etienne 1 Bastia 2.

ITALIAN CUP: Third round, first leg: Napoli 3 Cremonese 0

ASIAN GAMES

HIROSHIMA: Finals

ATHLETICS: Women: Men: 400m: 1, I Ismail Muftah (Qatar) 45.48sec. 800m: 1, Lee Jin-Il (S Kor) 1:45.72. Women: 800m: 1, Qu Yunxia (China) 1:59.85.

BOXING: Light-flyweight (48kg): 1, Phosuwan Pramuansak (Tha). Fly (51kg): 1, K Nakazono (Japan). Bantam (54kg): 1, Yeom Jong-Kil (S Kor). Feather (57kg): 1, Z Masood (Pak). Light (60kg): 1, T Yasgashi (Japan). Light-welter (63.5kg): 1, R Galido (Phil). Welter (67kg): 1, N Smanov (Kaz). Light-middle (71kg): 1, Pan Feng (China). Middle (75kg): 1, Lee Seung-Bae (S Kor). Light-heavy (81kg): 1, Ayub Pourtaghi Ghushchi (Iran). Heavy (91kg): A Avezbaev (Uzb). Super-heavy (over 91kg): O Mascaev (Uzb).

CYCLING: Men: 1km Time-Trial: 1, M Shiohara (Japan) 1hr 5.851sec. 4km Individual Pursuit: 1, V Kravtchenko (Kaz)

FOOTBALL: Women: 1, China.

JUDO: Men: 95kg: 1, S Okazumi (Japan). Over 95kg: 1, J Konno (Japan). Women: 72kg: 1, Kim Mi-Jung (S Kor). Over 72kg: 1, Zhang Ying (China).

SHOOTING: Men: Standard Pistol: Individual: 1, Wang Yifu (China) 575pts. Team: 1, China 1,714. Women: Standard Rifle: Individual: 1, N Ojima (Japan) 666 7. Team: 1, China 1,898.

SOFTBALL: Men: 1, Taiwan Women: 1, South Korea.

WUSHU: Taijiquan: Men: 1, M Masuda (Japan) 9.75pts.

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: Light-middleweight (10rnds): Robert McCracken (Birmingham) bt Dean Cooper (Bristol) rsc 4th rnd. Light-heavy (8rnds): Monty Wright (Stevenage) bt Tim Robinson (Grimsby) ko 1st rnd. Light-middle (6rnds): Nicky Thurbin (Clayhall) bt Billy McDougall (Birmingham) rsc 6th rnd. Light-middle (6rnds): Steve McNess (Bethnal Green) drew with Harry Dhami (Gravesend). Light-welter (6rnds): Jason Rowland (West Ham) bt Phil Found (Hereford) rsc 4th rnd. Light (6rnds): Colin Dunne (Holloway) bt Jimmy Phelan (Hull) pts. Super-feather (6rnds): Yinru Retta (Canning Town) bt Chris Jickells (Dingy) pts.

CRICKET

HARARE (first Test match; second day of five). Sri Lanka have scored 383 against Zimbabwe

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama c James b Jarvis	8
A P Gurusinha c A Flower b Whittal	128
S Ranatunga c James b Whittal	118
P A de Silva c and b Jarvis	19
*A Ranatunga c sub b Streak	62
H P Tillekeratne c James b Whittal	1
†P B Dasanayake lbw b Whittal	0
U C J Vaas lbw b Streak	3
G P Wickremasinghe c James b Streak	15
M Muralitharan c and b Streak	0
R Pushpakumara not out	6
Extras (lb 19, w 1, nb 3)	23
Total	383

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-245, 3-281, 4-318, 5-322, 6-330, 7-361, 8-376, 9-376

BOWLING: Brain 5-2-9-0; Streak 42.5-14-79-4; Jarvis 41-18-78-2; Whittal 33-8-70-4; Peall 50-11-114-0; G Flower 8-2-16-0

ZIMBABWE: G W Flower, M H Dekker, A D R Campbell, D L Houghton, *A Flower, †W R James, G Whittal, H H Streak, D Brain, S G Peall, M P Jarvis.

Umpires: I Robinson (Zimbabwe) and L Barker (West Indies).

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO RALLY: Leaders after 22 stages: 1, C Sainz (Sp, Subaru) 4hr 55min 8sec; 2, D Auriol (Fr, Toyota) at 38sec; 3, M Biasion (It, Ford) 51; 4, B Thiry (Bel, Ford) 1'28; 5, C McRae (GB, Subaru) 1'37; 6, G Cunico (It, Ford) 2'25; 7, J Kankkunen (Fin, Toyota) 4'16, 8, A Schwartz (Ger, Mitsubishi) 4'27, 9, P Longhi (It, Toyota) 8.23, 10, M Wilson (GB, Ford) 10'02.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Blaenau Gwent 0 Ebbw Vale 44; Llanelli 20 Swansea 19, Tatbach 9 Aberavon 20. Cambridge University 55 St Mary's Hospital 3.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: First round: Lord Wallace's Thame 20 Abingdon 25, Newcastle-under-Lyme 69 Cedars Upper 0. Second round: Guildford RGS 5 Eltham 18; King Edward VII, Lytham 14 Haydon Bridge 3; Northamptonshire GS 10 Old Swinford Hosp 24; St Olaves 21 Wallington 14. Devon Schools Cup: Quarter-final: Kelly Coll 38 Plymouth 3. Other match: King's, Taunton 43 Taunton 0.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Skoda Grand Prix: First round (England unless stated): D Morgan (Wales) bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-1, A Drago (Malta) bt M Flowerdew 5-1, R O'Sullivan bt J Wesion 5-3, A McManus (Scot) bt N Gilbert 5-1, J Swail (N Ire) bt D Dale (Wales) 5-2, J Wattana (Tha) bt J Read 5-1. Second round: K Doherty (Ire) bt M King 5-0

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 53 Cradley Heath 43.

SQUASH

ST PETER PORT, Guernsey: Women's world team championship: Pool A: Australia 3 South Africa 0; Holland 2 Scotland 1 (Holland names first). H Van Hoorn lost to S Maclie 3-8 ret; N Beumer bt H Maclie 9-0, 9-3, 9-3; M Housma bt W Maitland 9-6, 9-6, 7-9, 9-6). Pool C: Finland 3 Singapore 0. Pool D: Ireland 3 Japan 0 (Ireland names first). R O'Callaghan bt T Yoshino 9-4 9-1 9-2, A McArdle bt Y Kimura 9-0 9-1 9-7, O French bt Y Sakai 9-4 9-3 9-5); United States 3 Malaysia 0

TENNIS

TEL AVIV, Men's tournament: First round: W Ferreira (SA) bt F Roig (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. C Bergstrom (Swe) bt J Buntic (Sp) 6-3, 6-2, L Jonsson (Swe) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-3, 8-4, A Cherkasov (Russ) bt G Wilson (NZ) 6-3, 6-3; F Dewulf (Bel) bt C Adams (US) 7-5, 6-4, S Pescosolido (It) bt B Shelton (US) 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; V Spadea (US) bt O Sela (Isr) 6-3, 7-5; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt E Flam (Isr) 7-6, 7-6, T Muster (Austria) bt G Bloom (Isr) 6-3, 6-4, J Erlich (Isr) bt E Erlich (Isr) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. C Saceanu (Ger) bt J Apel (Swe) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, A Mansdorf (Isr) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 7-6, 7-6; G Pozzi (It) bt B Karbacher 6-2, 7-5; F Santoro (Fr) beat P Kuhnen (Ger) 6-3, 6-1, M Ondruska (SA) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 6-2; L Mattar (Br) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-4, 6-2.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Second round: A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-7 7-5, 7-5; J Stark (US) bt W Masur (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; J Ellingh (Holl) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-4, 7-5; A Knekstein (US) bt B Black (Zim) 6-1, 6-1. P Haarhuis (Holl) bt A Jarryd (Swe) 6-3, 6-4; P Kildarry (Aus) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; R Krajicek (Holl) bt K Bong-Soo (S Kor) 6-4, 6-2; T Ho (US) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; B Steven (NZ) bt B Becker (Ger) 6-3, 8-4, M Chang (US) bt J Tarango (US) 4-6, 6-3, 4-1 (ret). P Kildarry (Aus) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-3, 6-2. TELFORD: LTA Autumn satellite tournament: Men: First round (GB unless stated): A Richardson bt J Rahme (SA) 6-2, 6-3, L Kirschner (Ger) bt D Skoch (Cz) 6-2, 6-4; O Morel (Fr) bt A Pratzsch (Ger) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; G Saffery bt B Cowan 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; J Fox bt P Martin 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, P Pala (Cz) bt C Schaffkes (Ger) 6-4, 1-6, 7-5; N Weal bt M Lee 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. Second round: Richardson bt J Davidson 6-4 6-2, R Wassen (Holl) bt N Baglin 6-1, 6-0; Fox bt Saffery 7-6 7-5, M Maclagan bt D Draper 6-2, 6-3; G Bastl (Switz) bt P Hand 6-4, 6-2; Morel bt Kirschner 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; G Henderson bt T Spinks 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Pala bt Weal 6-3 6-4

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: First round: A Coetzer (SA) bt P Fendick (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, C Singer (Ger) bt G Sabatini (Arg) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, L Meskhi (Georgia) bt K Po (US) 6-1, 6-2, I. Habsudova (Cz) bt P Hy (Can) 6-3, 6-1, A Huber (Ger) bt B Rittner (Ger) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, M Navratilova (US) bt A Grossman (US) 6-4, 3-6, 6-0

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 08 00GMT yesterday with miles to Cape Town) Class one: 1, Ecureuil Poitou-Charente 2 (I Autissier, Fr) 2,284 miles, 2, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 2,759, 3, Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA) 2,955; 4, Sceta Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 2,955, 5, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 3,037; 6, Coyote (D Sculy, US) 3,261; 7, Gartmore Investment Managers (J Hall, GB) 3,480, 8, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 3,778. Class two: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 2,948; 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aust) 3,290; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 3,421, 4, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 3,515, 5, Shuten-Dohji II (M Saito, Japan) 3,783, 6, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 3,844, 7, Cornwall (R Dave, GB) 4,250; 8, Town of Cervia (S Bianchetti, It) 4,325, 9, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchel, GB) 4,471, 10, Protect Our Species (H Peterson, SA) 4,566, 11, Cardiac 88 (F Romack, US) 5,224.

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Seeds relax as World Match Play Championship starts at Wentworth

Big guns stand idle as grafters begin

By Patricia Davies

COREY Pavin, the defending champion, Ernie Els, the US Open champion, José Maria Olazábal, the Masters champion, and Nick Faldo, a champion waiting to click, will all be totally relaxed when the first round of the Toyota World Match Play Championship gets under way at Wentworth this morning.

That is not because the distinguished quartet has been dabbling in group hypnosis but simply because they are not playing in earnest today. A little gentle practice, if they are so minded, will be on the agenda but the real graft will be the lot of others, of those plebs who are unseeded and must work a little harder to earn their money, players like Colin Montgomerie, Europe's No 1, or Ian Woosnam, a former Masters champion, or Severiano Ballesteros, who has also won the odd thing in his time.

Faldo likes matches over 36 holes, the time-honoured format here, because they reduce the possibility of an upset. Flukey results are not uncommon in 18-hole matches, but the better players would generally expect to prevail when the distance is doubled.

In 1965, Gary Player was six down at the turn (18 holes) against Tony Lema, lost the first hole in the afternoon, to go seven down, yet won at the 37th. It remains the best comeback since the championship began, 30 years ago, and Player duly won the title.

Faldo, who is working with four key swing thoughts — the maximum even he can manage — himself experienced such a *bouleversement* in 1982 when he lunched six-up against Sandy Lyle and shook hands on the 35th hole a beaten man. Lyle reached the final but succumbed to Ballesteros at the 37th. It was the second of the Spaniard's five world matchplay titles.

In those days, Ballesteros merited seeding and the seeds are particularly keen on 36-hole matches, simply because they can be long, tiring affairs and it is easier to win the title if you have to play only three times instead of four.

For example, should Ballesteros, who is only 37 but has been around for so long that sometimes even he thinks he should be drawing his pension, beat David Frost today — and Frost hammered him by 7 and 6 last year — he will then face Els, a dozen years his junior and, more pertinent, a good many holes fresher. Then, should age, experience and sheer passion prevail, Balleteros would face Olazábal or Woosnam or Brad Faxon, the Australian Open champion. And it would still only be the semi-finals.

Last year, Pavin became the first champion since Woosnam in 1987 to prevail from the first round. The Burma Road, as Wentworth's west course is familiarly known, is long — 6,957 yards — and it takes a lot of mental as well as physical effort to defeat the sort of high-calibre opposition on show this week.

Pavin beat Peter Baker, who had beaten the American in their Ryder Cup singles in September. Nick Price, now the undisputed world No 1, Montgomerie, who went on to finish first in the Volvo order of merit and Faldo. "I remember it was hard work, gruelling and I felt exhausted," Pavin said.

He also felt elated. Not having won anything since the Honda Classic in 1992, he drew confidence from his list of conquests and he arrives this year on much more of a high, having won the Tokai Classic in Japan last week. Pavin also won the Nissan Los Angeles Open earlier in the year and has banked more than $800,000 in the United States alone this season.

When the second round starts, tomorrow, Pavin will meet either Vijay Singh, the Fijian who seems to have everything any golfer could ever need — length, touch, dedication — or Jesper Parnevik, the refreshing Swede whom even his friends describe as crazy; a comedian, like his father, but also much the better golfer.

Woosnam, who has been resting at home in Jersey, should be too good for Faxon but it would be unwise to put any money on it. As for the match between Montgomerie and Yoshinori Mizumaki, it is too close to call.

Mizumaki is far from the token Japanese golfer so often thrown to the Western wolves at this event. He is a player of considerable substance and he is suitably confident after a round of 64 at St Andrews last week. "It should have been better," he said. "I missed some short putts."

DRAW

First round

0830 and 1300: *V Singh (Fiji) v J Parnevik (Swe)
0845 and 1315: *C Montgomerie (GB) v Y Mizumaki (Japan)
0900 and 1330: *D Frost (SA) v S Ballesteros (Sp)
0915 and 1345: *I Woosnam (GB) v B Faxon (US).

Second round

0830 and 1300: *C Pavin (US) v Singh or Parnevik.
0845 and 1315: *N Faldo (GB) v Montgomerie or Mizumaki
0900 and 1330: *E Els (SA) v Frost or Ballesteros.
0915 and 1345: *J M Olazábal (Sp) v Woosnam or Faxon

* denotes seed



HUGH ROBERTSON

Faldo gets into the swing of things at the 11th tee during the pro-am tournament at Wentworth yesterday

Ice hockey season postponed again

THE start of the National Hockey League (NHL) season was postponed indefinitely yesterday after the latest proposals from the players' union were unanimously rejected by the league's board of governors. Gary Bettman, the league's commissioner, said the season would not now start on the rearranged date of October 15. "The board decided not to open the season until there is a new collective-bargaining agreement," Bettman said. "The board is baffled over the conduct of the union over the last ten days with delays in meeting and delays in making proposals. Frankly, the proposal made yesterday was a step backwards."

Bob Goodenow, of the players' union, said: "Today's decision by the NHL to reject our compromise proposal makes it absolutely clear the NHL is not interested in the fans, the game or the small-market club. They are committed to only one thing — a major fight with the players."

Champion defends title

GOLF: Marie-Laure de Lorenzi opens her defence of the 54-hole Var French Open at St Endreol tomorrow. Two weeks ago, the Barcelona-based French golfer completed a fifteenth European Tour win when she beat Sofia Gronberg-Whitmore, of Sweden, in a play-off for the Spanish Open at La Manga. Two Britons, Alison Nicholas and Dale Reid, who have both finished second this year, will be chasing a first victory this week in the final European tournament of the season. They head for West Virginia next Monday as Europe defends the Solheim Cup against the United States.

Herbert joins Ligier

MOTOR RACING: Ligier, the Formula One team, said yesterday that the British driver, Johnny Herbert, had joined them from Lotus. He replaces the Frenchman, Eric Bernard. Ligier said Herbert would race for them in the final three grands prix of the season, starting this weekend in Jerez, Spain. They said they would line up Herbert with the Frenchman, Olivier Panis, who has renewed his contract with the team, next season. Herbert began his Formula One career with Benetton and has also driven for Tyrrell.

Seeds fall quickly

TENNIS: Sergi Bruguera, the French Open champion, and Boris Becker, who has been Wimbledon champion three times, were beaten by unseeded players in the second round of the Seiko Super tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Bruguera, the Spaniard, who was seeded second, lost a gruelling two-hour clash with the unseeded Tommy Ho, of the United States, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6, and Becker, the German, seeded fifth, fell 6-3, 6-4 to Brett Steven, of New Zealand.

Auriol increases lead

MOTOR RALLYING: Didier Auriol, of France, driving a Toyota Celica, won the San Remo Rally yesterday, finishing 21 seconds clear of the overnight leader, Carlos Sainz, in a Subaru Impreza. The victory increased Auriol's lead in the drivers' world championship before the final race of the season, the RAC Rally, next month. Sainz, of Spain, had led from the start, but his Subaru began to misfire and his advantage disappeared on the seven stages of the final day.

Australia stroll to semi-final berth



FitzGerald: led champions

From Colin McQuillan in St Peter Port, Guernsey

AUSTRALIA'S defence of the women's world team squash championship here has been ominously unruffled so far and continued yesterday with a 3-0 win over a strong South Africa squad that suggested England's hopes of retrieving the title they held for eight years to 1992 may yet be frustrated.

With Michelle Martin, their world champion, resting, it fell to Sarah FitzGerald, the world No 6, to lead the Australians with a 9-1, 9-3, 9-3 victory in 35 minutes against Claire Nitch.

Liz Irving, the world No 3, shook off a fitness doubt to beat Chantal Clifton-Parks 9-4, 9-6, 9-0 in 24 minutes at second string while Carol Owens cleaned up the third-string rubber in three minutes less, 9-4, 9-3, 9-4 against Natalie Grainger.

It was 80 minutes of combined activity that left the Australia manager, Di Davis, in confident mood. "Things are going nicely to plan." Davis said of her team's progress without loss to top position in pool A and a semi-final spot against either New Zealand or England, who were due to meet in pool B late last night.

Even with the former England juniors, Senga and Helen Macfie, transferred for this championship, Scotland suffered their third successive qualifying defeat in pool A, going down 2-1 to Holland. This result cast Scotland to the bottom of the pool and into the 5-12 play-offs against Finland.

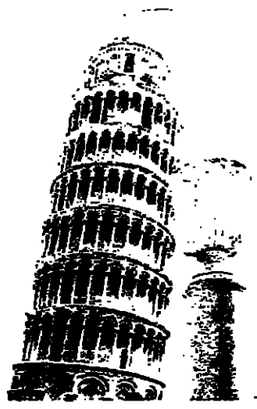
Even the consolation point from Holland came to Scotland by virtue of a thigh strain sustained by Hugoline van Hoorn in the second game against Senga Macfie, the more flamboyant of the two Anglo-Scottish sisters, whose performances here this week included an incisive victory over Nitch on Tuesday and who was leading the top Dutch player 9-3 from the first game.

Another loss today to Finland, whose first string Tuula Myllyniemi celebrated her 100th cap against Singapore yesterday, will eject Scotland from the world top eight.

Ireland, on the other hand, entered the 5-12 play-offs from the opposite direction, finishing second to the United States in pool D with a second qualifying win yesterday over Japan.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Going: good to firm

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, The Boiler White (S Smith Eccles, 7-1); 2, Elburg (8-1); 3, Joliver (6-1). Bankhead 15-8 fav (p). 11 ran. NR: Nuns Cone. 2l, ¾l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £9.30; £2.20, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £36.10. CSF: £49.28. Nuns Cone (7-1) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies, deduct 10p in pound.

3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Young Baldric (W Marston, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Change The Reign (20-1); 3, Pickstone (5-1). Yes Man 4-1 jt-fav (f). 13 ran. 1½l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £8.80, £1.90. DF: £78.80. CSF: £73.96.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Window Display (Gee Armytage, 4-1); 2, Passing Player (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Skelton Princess (7-1). Supernick 3-1 jt-fav (f). 8 ran. NR: Frankly My Dear, Night Boat. Sh hd, 14l. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £3.90; £1.10, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £8.00. CSF: £15.63.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Lady Blakeney (J Supple, 6-1); 2, Ebony Gale (3-1); 3, Adamara (4-1). Stepfaster 2-1 fav. 6 ran. NR: Mo Ichi Do, Tartan Tradewinds. 4l, 13l. B Rothwell. Tote: £8.80; £1.90, £2.00. DF: £12.00. CSF: £21.92. Tricast: £65.89.

4.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, Nearco Boy (J R Kavanagh, 6-4 fav); 2, Mander's Way (14-1); 3, Your Well (14-1). 6 ran. Dist, 20l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £3.50. DF: £6.50. CSF: £17.29.

5.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Uluru (J R Kavanagh, 3-1); 2, Interplay (2-1 fav); 3, Tap Dancing (33-1). 5 ran. NR: Palrockus. 1½l, 5l. C Nash. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.56.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £12,942.15 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £103.60. Quadpot: £17.30.

Wetherby

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Once More For Luck (P Niven, 11-4); 2, Bellro (14-1). 3, Weather Alert (2-1 fav) 11 ran. Sh hd, sh hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.60; £1.20, £4.30, £1.40. DF: £24.40. CSF: £39.02.

2.50 (2m 4l 110yd ch) 1, Beaucadeau (A Dobbin, 5-4 fav); 2, Houghton (5-2); 3, Dancing River (9-2). 4 ran. 5l, 12l. M Barnes. Tote: £1.70. DF: £3.10. CSF: £4.34.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Barty's Dream (S Keightley, 9-4 fav), 2, Red Indian (7-2); 3, Going Public (9-2). 7 ran. 2l, hd. J Banks. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.70. DF: £5.90. CSF: £9.59.

3.50 (2m ch) 1, De Jordaan (N Smith, 11-2), 2, Marchwood (Evens fav), 6 ran. 10l. W Cunningham. Tote: £4.80; £2.40, £1.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £11.20. Only two finished.

4.20 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Over The Deel (D Bridgwater, 4-1), 2, Pims Gunner (4-1); 3, Armagnac (6-5 fav). 4 ran. 2½l, ½l. J Johnson. Tote: £5.10. DF: £6.20. CSF: £18.02. Only three finished.

4.50 (2m 4l 110yd hdle) 1, Dissington Dene (O Pears, 8-1), 2, Call My Guest (4-1); 3, Keep Your Distance (4-6 fav). 9 ran. 3½l, 1½l. J Norton. Tote: £10.30; £1.60, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £18.50. CSF: £39.70.

Placepot: £51.70. Quadpot: £22.00.

Exeter

Going: firm

2.10 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Linton Rocks (G McCourt, 8-11 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Going Around (6-4); 3, Rakazona Beau (66-1). 8 ran. NR: Bang On Target. 2½l, ¾l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.60, £1.10, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.94.

2.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Gelejade (N Mann, 9-2), 2, Siesta Time (33-1), 3, Lendsker Prydo (4-5 fav). 6 ran. 20l, 9l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £6.00; £2.40, £3.00. DF: £35.00. CSF: £71.71.

3.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Sydney Barry (B Powell, 100-30), 2, Muskora (6-4 fav); 3, Land Of The Free (4-1). 6 ran. 7l, 5l. R Buckler. Tote: £5.20; £2.70, £1.10. DF: £5.80. CSF: £8.47.

3.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Fawley Flyer (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Turner Prize (11-4); 3, Robenko (12-1). 8 ran. 1l, 10l. W Turner. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.74.

4.10 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Abu Muslab (M A Fitzgerald, 12-1); 2, Drumsnuck (8-13 fav); 3, L'Uomo Piu (5-1). 4 ran. 6l, 2½l. G Edwards. Tote: £13.40. DF: £6.90. CSF: £20.10.

4.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Bass Rock (J Osborne, 5-2); 2, Glencoe Boy (50-1); Cabin Hill 11-8 fav (f). 4 ran. 10l. I Balding. Tote: £3.20. DF: £17.90. CSF: £27.72. Only two finished.

Placepot: £489.30. Quadpot: £22.20.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Stoke v Tranmere (7.0)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Southampton v Brighton (at Stapelwood Training Ground, 7.30).
ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Second round: Stroud v Alan Nedd (at Fairford FC, 7.0)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play Championship (Wentworth)
ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-final: Sheffield v Humberside (8.0).
SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Derby)
SPEEDWAY: British League (7.30). First division: Ipswich v King's Lynn. Second division: Sheffield v Middlesbrough (7.45)
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2.30 MACMILLAN NURSES NOVICES CHASE (£1,893: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

1 3F-1 FOUR DEEP 12 (D,F,S,S) J Johnson 6-11-7 ..... A Maguire
2 06-8 KHOJDHN 16 (F,S,S) Mrs V Aconley 6-11-0 ..... Richard Guest
3 R04- KILMINGYLE 244 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0 ..... P Niven
4 3440 RICH NEPHEW 8 (F,S,S) V Thompson 9-11-0. Mr M Thompson

10-11 Four Deep, 3-1 Kilmingyle, 7-2 Khojdhn, 8-1 Rich Nephew.

3.00 BRITISH GAS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,646: 2m) (8)

1 312 GLENUGIE 3 (BF,F) G Moore 11-5 ..... N Bentley
2 3-0 BANK STATEMENT 12 C Collins (ire) 10-12 ..... P Niven
3 SO KNOWS NIGEL 16F J Campbell 10-12 ..... R Campbell
4 5 DOUBLING DICE 30 R Allan 10-12 ..... B Storey
5 JOYRIDER 48F Miss M Milligan 10-12 ..... D Bentley (3)
6 66 MILNE'S A VILLAIN 22 T Dyer 10-12 ..... A Dobbin (7)
7 NOSMO KING 390F Mrs M Kendall 10-12 ..... L O'Hara
8 6 YER 'UMBLE 14 J Cresswell 10-12 ..... A Maguire

6-4 Bank Statement, 7-4 Glenugie, 7-2 So Knows Nigel, 12-1 Milne's A Villain, 16-1 Doubling Dice, Joyrider, 25-1 others.

3.30 RELIANCE SECURITY SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,187: 3m 1f) (6)

1 P-P5 BOREEN OWEN 6 (B,G,S) J J O'Neill 10-11-10 ..... R McGrath (7)
2 6P3- MOYODE REGENT 133 (F) D Larch 10-11-6 ..... Mr A Maggess (7)
3 4331 JAUNTY GIG 6 (B,F,S) J Brisbt 8-11-2 (5ex) ..... L O'Hara
4 -860 UPWELL 28 (F) R Johnson 10-10-11 ..... K Johnson
5 4P-5 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 8 (V,D,F) P Pritchard 9-10-11 ..... R Davis
6 5846 LITTLE GENERAL 6 (D,F) V Thompson 11-10-4 ..... A Dobbin

4-5 Jaunty Gig, 7-2 Boreen Owen, 5-1 Moyode Regent, 8-1 Woodlands Genhire, 12-1 Little General, 16-1 Upwell.

4.00 BRITISH COAL OPENCAST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,298: 2m) (14)

1 06-0 CANDID LAD 15 (F) M Ware 7-11-10 ..... A Larnach
2 3U0- LIAS 24F (B) J Parkes 4-11-8 ..... R Davis
3 P00- MONTROYE AVENUE 162 (D,S) G Fierro 8-11-7. S Lycett (4)
4 P6-0 COOL DUDE 15 (D,G,S) J Johnson 8-11-5 ..... S Taylor
5 200- BARAHNI 114F J Bridger 5-11-4 ..... S Wynne
6 06-0 INBLETONIAN 21 B Wilkinson 5-11-2 ..... D Bentley
7 -233 BARTON ROYAL 45 (D,S) J Brisbt 4-11-0 ..... B Harding
8 0-56 ONE FOR LUCK 41 (B,F) J J O'Neill 6-10-13 ..... A Procter
9 6-P5 HYRRPO 6 (F) S Dixon 7-10-4 ..... A Thornton
10 -548 FUNNY ROSE 15 P Monteith 4-10-4 ..... T Jenks
11 /P-P RUTLAND WATER 13 Mrs S Smith 7-10-3 ..... R Wilkinson (4)
12 0P9- MISTY GREY 139F G Fierro 5-10-2 ..... G Tormey (4)
13 600- UNRAB 109F Denys Smith 4-10-0 ..... P Waggott
14 000- SPEEDY SIOUX 136 (B,D,S) S Chadwick 5-10-0 ..... G Cahill (4)

3-1 Funny Rose, 5-1 One For Luck, 6-1 Barton Royal, 7-1 Cool Dude, Ijab, 8-1 Hydropic, 12-1 Inglestonian, Montfiore Avenue, 14-1 others.

4.30 PERSIMMON HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,108: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 1-11 BELDINE 22 (CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 9-11-11 ..... A Maguire
2 -3P3 ANTHONY BELL 13 (CD,F,G) T Carr 8-10-13 ..... A Dobbin
3 .0-43 SILVER HAZE 13 (CD,F,S) J Wade 10-10-9 ..... K Jones
4 P582 BISHOPDALE 6 (F,G,S) S Craddock 13-10-8 ..... K Johnson
5 13-4 MOSS BEE 8 (CD,F) W Reed 7-10-6 ..... B Storey

6-4 Beldine, 11-4 Silver Haze, 4-1 Anthony Bell, Moss Bee, 7-1 Bishopdale.

5.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,093: 2m) (9)

1 -143 REBEL KING 21 (G) M Barnes 4-11-9 ..... G Cahill (7)
2 F- EXEMPLAR 169 Mrs S Smith 5-11-9 ..... Richard Guest
3 P3- GOLDEN CAIRN 161 W Reed 5-11-9 ..... T Reed
4 0 MISTI HUNTER 13 Miss M Milligan 5-11-0 ..... D Bentley (3)
5 053- OAKLEY 279 Denys Smith 5-11-0 ..... P Niven
6 63-5 ORD GALLERY 21 T Dyer 5-11-0 ..... A Maguire
7 0-5 SHELDON 15 Denys Smith 5-11-0 ..... P Waggott (5)
8 PP-5 TO BE THE BEST 13 D Lamb 4-10-13 ..... Mr A Maggess (7)
9 00-5 AMBER HOLLY 47 J Diley 5-10-9 ..... B Storey

7-4 Rebel King, 3-1 Oakley, 4-1 Ord Gallery, 7-1 Golden Cairn, 12-1 Exemplar, Amber Holly, To Be The Best, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 40 winners from 160 runners, 25.0%; J King, 3 from 13, 23.1%; N Henderson, 4 from 28, 14.3%; N Tinkler-Davies, 3 from 30, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

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Blinkered first time

HEXHAM: 4.00 Ijab, One For Luck. NEWMARKET: 2.00 Backward Point, 3.10 Wardara., 4.15 Finger Of Light, Sozzled Erton, Moon Strike; Rebellion. REDCAR: 1.50 Colway Rock, 3.55 Petoskin. TAUNTON: 2.45 Lauderdale Lad.

CHELTENHAM

THUNDERER
2.15 Sirtelimar, 2.45 Castle Blue, 3.15 Nordic Crown, 3.45 Early Drinker, 4.15 Master Toby, 4.45 Chickabiddy.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 DONYATT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,839: 2m 1f) (5 runners)

1 3241 SIRTELIMAR 12 (B) K Bailey 5-11-4 ..... F Leahy
2 4F62 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 7 (V) J Bradley 5-10-11 ..... R Farrant
3 00-0 FEELING FOOLISH 16 B Forsey 5-10-11 ..... A P McCoy
4 5-FF GLEN PENNANT 9 C Popham 7-10-11 ..... B Murphy
5 SEDGY'S SISTER 9F P Jones 4-10-5 ..... D Leahy

4-5 Sirtelimar, 5-2 Courageous Knight, 6-1 Glen Pennant, 8-1 Feeling Foolish, 14-1 Sedgy's Sister.

2.45 LANSDOWNE CHEMICAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,306: 3m) (4)

1 2-53 LAUDERDALE LAD 7 (B,D,F,S) J Kay 12-11-10 ..... J R Kavanagh
2 41-4 CASTLE BLUE 14 (CD,G,S) R Henderson 7-11-8 ..... M A Fitzgerald
3 -5U2 LUCKY AGAIN 7 (C,G) C Popham 7-11-7 ..... C Maude
4 3252 MISTER FEATHERS 8 (C,BF,F,G) J King 13-10-9 ..... Mr G Hogan (5)

6-4 Castle Blue, 9-4 Lucky Again, 3-1 Mister Feathers, 5-1 Lauderdale Lad.

3.15 WATCHET JUVENILE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,861: 2m 1f) (10)

1 AGGIES DREAM 81F J Bradley 10-12 ..... Guy Lewis (5)
2 4P IN MY LEAGUE 21 L Wading 10-12 ..... B Powell
3 0 NORTHERN STORM 7 R Emery 10-12 ..... P Ward (7)
4 BECK'S CHOICE 101F J Poulton 10-7 ..... D Gallagher
5 35 FABULOUS PRINCESS 21 C Popham 10-7 ..... B Murphy (5)
6 GOOD FETCH 26F R Strange 10-7 ..... W McFarland
7 GRACIE 94F C Brooks 10-7 ..... G Bradley
8 2050 LORCANJO 7 D Carey 10-7 ..... A P McCoy (5)
9 NORDIC CROWN 35F M Pipe 10-7 ..... B Dowdeswell
10 09 PARKS PRIDE 7 J Bradley 10-7 ..... R Farrant

4-5 Nordic Crown, 5-1 Fabulous Princess, 7-1 Gracie, 12-1 Good Fetch, Parks Pride, 14-1 Lorcanjo, 16-1 others.

3.45 ISEFLO IODINE CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,424: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 2F-2 EARLY DRINKER 21 (B) G Sherwood 6-11-0 ..... J McCarthy (7)
2 /5539 HERLEY REGATTA 14 P Bedford 6-11-0 ..... S Burrough
3 -/34- SHARRD 170F I Balding 6-11-0 ..... J Osborne
4 3F2- SPINNING STEEL 170 (F) F Murphy 7-11-0 ..... W Marston
5 P0F- WILLIE MCBARR 204 (G,S) Mrs D Thomas 9-11-0 ..... N Williamson
6 063- BRIMPTON BERTIE 436 D Chappell 5-10-13 ..... G Upton

6-5 Early Drinker, 3-1 Spinning Steel, 5-1 Herley Regatta, 7-1 Sharrd, Brimpton Bertie, 25-1 Willie McBarr.

4.15 TIVERTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,725: 2m 3f 110yd) (4)

1 9-12 MASTER TOBY 29 (B) N Tinkler-Davies 4-11-3 ..... C Llewellyn
2 -452 CROMSEARCH 16 (B,G) C Hale 6-10-11 ..... A P McCoy (5)
3 1324 TOOMUCH TOOSOON 9 (B) M Pipe 6-10-11 ..... R Dowdeswell
4 245- TOUR LEADER 295 R Baldiar 5-10-11 ..... B Powell

5-4 Toomuch Toosoon, 7-4 Master Toby, 3-1 Tour Leader, 7-1 Cromsearch.

4.45 CAVENDISH TECHNOLOGY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,762: 2m 3f 110yd) (6)

1 4-13 SINGING DETECTIVE 45 (V,F) R Phillips 7-11-10 ..... J Railton
2 -0P0 ON THE SAUCE 14 (B,D,F,S,S) B Shaw 7-11-7 ..... J Lower
3 F-63 CHICKABIDDY 9 (D,F,S) G Edwards 6-10-10 ..... M A Fitzgerald
4 040- MARCOLINO 147 (CD,F,S,S) F Murphy 7-10-10 ..... W Marston
5 50-4 RAGTIME BOY 9 (V) C Boswell 6-10-4 ..... B Clifford
6 0P/0 NO BONUS 16 (C,F) R Baker 10-10-0 ..... L Harvey

6-4 Singing Detective, 5-2 Chickabiddy, 7-2 Railton Boy, 5-1 Marcolino, 10-1 On The Sauce, 16-1 No Bonus.

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Smith Eccles ends lengthy lean spell

STEVE Smith Eccles registered his first success of the two-month old season at Uttoxeter yesterday. A series of injuries and a brush with the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee made for an unhappy start to the term, but Smith Eccles was back to his best on The Boiler White in the Pallas Group Novices' Hurdle, fending off the challenge of Elburg.

Princely Hush offers soft option

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

AS LOTTERY fever takes hold and the football pools promoters look forward to the day of the £9 million payout, racing stages its own miniature version of the small stake in pursuit of a jackpot prize at Redcar this afternoon.

The £100,000 Tote Two-Year-Old Trophy brings together 26 "cheaply" bought horses, although, of course, these things are relative. Doubtless most people would consider paying 3,000 guineas for a horse, let alone 25,000 guineas, far from cheap. However, compared to the hundreds of thousands, and occasional millions, splashed out by Middle Eastern potentates or Japanese entrepreneurs, the line-up clearly represents racing's bargain basement.

Nap: SAXON MAID (2.35 Newmarket)
Next best: Princely Hush (3.55 Redcar)

The weights for each of the runners is calculated according to the median price fetched by a sire's yearlings sold at auction in Europe and North America in 1993. Those in the up to 3,000gns range carry 7st 12lb, while anything over 26,000gns is burdened with nine stone, with penalties added for success achieved in listed or group races.

Because of the weight structure, the small scale trainer has a real chance of a big payday, as Alf Smith, the veteran Beverley handler, demonstrated last year when Cape Merino sprang a 33-1 surprise and floored the 11-10 Risky. Ironically, David Chappell, who now trains Cape Merino and sent her out to win a valuable sprint handicap at Ascot last Saturday, has an excellent chance of following the example set by Smith.

Brief Glimpse, who beat Femme Savante to win the lucrative Super Sales Sprint at Newbury, has been well backed in recent days, is ideally drawn and looks fairly treated. She is one of half a dozen runners whose form stands head and shoulders above the rest of the field.

Maid For Walking is another. Twice a winner and placed in two group races, she won more than £100,000 at Newmarket last month when second to Don Corleone in the Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes. However, with her fillies' allowance, she will carry one of the lowest weights.

David Loder has been hoping the ground would stay on the soft side to prevent the Prince Sabo filly being taken off her feet in the early stages as she is stepping back in distance. His wishes look like being met, but the lasting impression of her Newmarket run was of her staying on strongly inside the final furlong. Today's distance may prove too sharp.

By contrast, the trip and the prevailing ground look perfect for another of Prince Sabo's offspring, Princely Hush, trained by Michael Bell. The colt, who beat the Loder-trained Fallow to win the group two Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury, is at his best on soft ground. His early-season victories, when he beat Sri Pekan, favourite for next season's 2,000 Guineas, and Limerick Belle only serve to underline the value of his overall form.

Sonic Boy boasts fair form but always seems to find one too good; Lago di Varano has progressed for Jack Berry but is arguably better over five furlongs. The lightly-raced Marha seems poorly drawn but Zeb could be a live outsider.



Princely Hush seeks his fifth victory of the season in the Tote Two-Year-Old Trophy at Redcar today. Photograph: Martin Lynch

First Trump to gain overdue success

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Tom Waller is potentially well treated, but preference is for **Saxon Maid**, who has been raised just 4lb for her defeat of The Flying Phantom (winner since) over course and distance last month. Statajack has to be held up and tends to find trouble in running, and Burooj, fourth to Whitechapel in the Ascot Handicap, makes more appeal.

3.10: Sue Me broke his duck when landing a York nursery by 3½ lengths last week, and has sound claims under a 6lb penalty. However, this looks a more competitive race, and he may have to give best to **Kabil**. Tom Jones's colt was short of room throughout the race when favourite at Ascot last time, finishing a close-up sixth, and can make amends.

3.40: **First Trump** can gain an overdue first success of the season. He has found Lake Coniston too good on his last two starts over six furlongs, but gives the impression that today's longer trip may be ideal. Soviet Line has been in fine form recently, but may not have the pace of the selection.

4.15: Go With Bo and Polish Admiral have both won their last three races, but the handicapper may now have taken their measure. Panikin returned to form when beating Jigsaw Boy by three lengths at Haydock last week, and today's extra furlong should not inconvenience him. Ertlon has claims on his best form, and could run well at a big price.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

REDCAR
C4

2.50: **Divine Pursuit**, a Kris half-sister to Pursuit Of Love, has reportedly been working well and can make a winning debut in a disappointingly weak race for the prize-money on offer.

3.20: **Zuboon** was caught close home by Jack Button at Newmarket two months ago, where he would probably have won given a more forceful ride in the final two furlongs. With Highflying and Solomon's Dancer out of form, Shadows Of Silver looks the main danger.

3.55: See above

ROBERT WRIGHT

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9/2	Princely Hush	33	Axeman
7	Maid For Walking	33	Here Comes Risky
8	Brief Glimpse	33	Petoskin
12	Sonic Boy	33	Regal Fanfare
14	Cim Bom Bom	33	Try To Please
14	Loveyoumillions	40	Circa
14	Marha	40	Tiler
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NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
1.30 Green Green Desert
2.00 Eurolink The Rebel
2.35 Saxon Maid
3.10 Kabil
3.40 First Trump
4.15 Ertlon
4.50 Royal Scimitar

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 SOVIET LINE.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Saxon Maid.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.30 SEVERALS CONDITIONS STAKES (£6,972: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

101	(7)	232123	BLUE LION 24 (D,F,G) (A bin Saeed Al Maktoum) G Wragg 4-9-4	M J Kinane	95
102	(1)	063006	GARDEN OF HEAVEN 33 (G,S) (B Voak) C Brittain 5-9-3	M Roberts	⊞
103	(4)	254065	INNISHOWEN 34 (C,G,S) (C Kavanagh) R Hannon 3-8-12	Pat Eddery	93
104	(2)	1	FIRE WORSHIPPER 20 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10	L Dettori	86
105	(5)	1-05202	GREEN GREEN DESERT 26 (C,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-10	L Piggott	95
106	(6)	315-203	WAITING 7 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-10	T Quinn	97
107	(3)	050-460	PEACHES POLLY 16 (W Gredley) G Rimmer 4-8-9	M Rimmer	77

BETTING: 5-2 Fire Worshipper, 3-1 Blue Lion, 7-2 Green Green Desert, 4-1 Garden Of Heaven, 7-1 Waiting, 10-1 Innishowen, 25-1 Peaches Polly.

1993: MEADOW PIPIT 4-8-11 M Roberts (7-1) J Gosden 10 ran

2.00 MULTIYORK SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,848: 7f) (30 runners)

201	(5)	452201	OUR DARLING BOY 15 (G) (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-2	Pat Eddery	85
202	(26)	486006	POLY AMANSHAA 6 (D,G) (Sheet & Roll Ltd) M Channon 9-2	R Painter (5)	98
203	(25)	400100	SAMAKA HARA 29 (F) (S Barningham) N Tinkler 9-2	L Charnock	65
204	(27)	0044	APOLLONO 13 (P Deal) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	83
205	(23)	00	ARMSTON 24 (J Ashby) J Wharton 8-11	J Williams	76
206	(11)		BACKWARD POINT (B) (Mrs J Roberts) A Hide 8-11	R Price	–
207	(10)	4	EUROLINK THE REBEL 22 (Eurolink Group Plc) R Akehurst 8-11	A Whelan (7)	78
208	(9)	0	FLY THE EAGLE 15 (S Darby) D Francis Davis 8-11	J Fanning	–
209	(22)	046	FORTUNES LEAP 14 (M & N Plant Ltd) R Simpson 8-11	M J Kinane	80
210	(16)	0010	GENTLE IRONY 9 (D,S) (Ten of Hearts) P Makin 8-11	R Cochrane	⊞
211	(1)		HELLO PETER (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-11	J Gotobed (7)	–
212	(17)	00	KENNET LAD 8 (A Elliot) P Cole 8-11	W Carson	–
213	(29)	004650	LADY GOVERNOR 8 (S) (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 8-11	J D Smith (5)	75
214	(3)	000505	MO'S MAIN MAN 28 (B) (N Morris) G Lewis 8-11	J Reid	75
215	(19)	0	PREMAZING 10 (Exdeco) J Pearce 8-11	G Bardwell	–
216	(18)	00	ROYAL RABBIT 14 (K Higson) G L Moore 8-11	B Rouse	–
217	(14)	0026	SARASI 29 (Elite Thoroughbreds IV) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	80
218	(2)	900	SOLANO 35 (Seymour Bloodstock (UK) Ltd) W Jarvis 8-11	M Tebbutt	–
219	(15)	0	SPEEDY SNAPS PRIDE 10 (POWTC Ltd/Speedy Snaps) P Cundell 8-11	N Adams	–
220	(28)	000	WATER HAZARD 37 (The Fairway Partnership) S Dow 8-11	Stephen Davies (3)	65
221	(12)	0140	WICKEN WONDER 16 (F) (W Heard) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	95
222	(8)	0	YOUNG LUCIUS 26 (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 8-11	T McLaughlin (5)	80
223	(20)	0320	AMALTHAEA 61 (BF) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-6	M Roberts	98
224	(21)	0006	DECOROUS 63 (C Padfield) K Cunningham-Brown 8-6	A Clark	–
225	(7)	0	HUNZA STORY 14 (Miss C O'Donoghue) W Jarvis 8-6	T Ives	–
226	(24)	00	LILAC RAIN 9 (J Cotton) J Arnold 8-6	J Tate (3)	–
227	(30)		PENDINE (A Simpson) S Williams 8-6	P McCabe (5)	–
228	(6)	0	PENGA 22 (W Pyrah) M Tompkins 8-6	P Robinson	–
229	(4)		PETINDIA (P Savill) D Loder 8-6	L Dettori	–
230	(13)	00	WARRIOR LADY 20 (P McBride) P McBride 8-6	A McGlone	72

BETTING: 7-1 Eurolink The Rebel, 8-1 Our Darling Boy, Wicken Wonder, 10-1 Poly Amanshaa, Petindia, 12-1 Mo's Main Man, Young Lucius, 14-1 Penga, Sarasi, 16-1 others.

1993: SLMAAT 8-6 M Roberts (7-1) W Haggas 30 ran

2.35 GREENE KING RATED HANDICAP (£7,787: 1m 4f) (11 runners) C4

301	(3)	115010	GLIDE PATH 16 (D,F,G) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 5-9-7	M Hills	96
302	(11)	5-65140	MASTER CHARLIE 96 (D,F) (D Watson) I Balding 4-9-2	L Dettori	91
303	(5)	361034/	TYRONE BRIDGE 328J (D,F,G,S) (P Green) N Walker 8-9-2	R Cochrane	–
304	(6)	320-114	BUROOJ 19 (C,D,BF,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 4-9-1	W Carson	98
305	(8)	35-2001	GONE FOR A BURTON 27 (F,S) (H Carrington) P Makin 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	91
306	(1)	22-1	TOM WALLER 183 (S) (A Cherry-Downes) H Cecil 3-8-9	A McGlone	89
307	(7)	211256	STATAJACK 26 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 6-8-8	T Quinn	98
308	(4)	306000	TYKEYVOR 27 (F) (Dubliner Partnership) M Tompkins 4-8-7	P Robinson	96
309	(9)	054121	SAXON MAID 16 (CD,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-6	M J Kinane	⊞
310	(10)	616014	ACTING BRAVE 6 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-3	A Clark	95
311	(2)	010-	UNCLE OSWALD 379 (F) (Hesmonds Stud) R Hannon 3-8-0	M Roberts	84

Long handicap: Tykeyvor 8-3.

BETTING: 5-2 Saxon Maid, 7-2 Tom Waller, 5-1 Burooj, 6-1 Gone For A Burton, 8-1 Master Charlie, 10-1 others.

1993: DERAB 7-8-7 B Rouse (50-1) S Sherwood 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLIDE PATH beat Howard's End 2l in 10-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. MASTER CHARLIE best recent effort when beating Hasten To Add neck in 20-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to firm). BUROOJ ½l 4th of 15 to Whitechapel in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good to soft). Previously beat SAXON MAID (2lb worse off) ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). GONE FOR A BURTON beat The Flying Phantom 1¼l in amateurs' race at Ayr (1m 3f, good to soft). TOM WALLER beat Mr Towser 5l in 18-runner maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft). SAXON MAID beat The Flying Phantom 1¾l in 9-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with GLIDE PATH (5lb better off) 10¾l 8th. Selection: MASTER CHARLIE

3.10 SPORTING LIFE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,090: 6f) (21 runners) C4

401	(8)	03313	NOBLE KINGDOM 15 (CD,G) (Fairy Story Partnership) R Akehurst 9-7	T Quinn	84
402	(21)	14389	RISSBY 10 (G) (M Foy) M Channon 9-5	J Reid	82
403	(6)	331360	TIME OF TROUBLE 36 (B,D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 9-2	M J Kinane	86
404	(4)	40416	KABIL 21 (D,BF,G) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-1	W Carson	92
405	(14)	034	THEROS 98 (T Anthony) R Hannon 8-12	R Cochrane	80
406	(9)	310654	BALANCE OF POWER 12 (D,F) (Kingstone Warren Pines) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	88
407	(15)	101225	ASTRAL INVADER 12 (D,F,S) (R Kelly) M Saunders 8-8	Pat Eddery	86
408	(18)	6453	WALHAANAH 23 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-7	P Robinson	82
409	(16)	035263	LLOC 16 (BF,S) (J Purcell) C Allen 8-7	L Dettori	96
410	(12)	64321	SUE ME 6 (D,S) (M Payne) W Muir 8-6 (7ex)	M Hills	95
411	(3)	063	NUREMBURG 24 (BF) (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-5	M Roberts	87
412	(10)	523032	DON'T LOOK NOW 24 (Mrs P Redfit) J Scargill 8-2	J Tate (3)	88
413	(2)	324	CHINA HAND 117 (Needles Racing) R Hannon 8-1	A McGlone	80
414	(7)	500	SUPER BLADE 94 (H Yong) W O'Gorman 7-11	N Varley (5)	80
415	(17)	60000	NAFTA 12 (P Silver) B Hills 7-10	J Fanning	86
416	(5)	000402	EMBEZZLER 20 (B) (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 7-10	A Mackay	89
417	(1)	3236	QUALITAIR PRIDE 19 (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) J Bottomley 7-9	G Bardwell	85
418	(11)	534105	PRINCE RUDOLF 13 (B,D,S) (M F-Godley) M F-Godley 7-9	Martin Dwyer (7)	88
419	(20)	2040	DAS ISLAND 14 (PT Enterprises) J Jenkins 7-9	M Baird (7)	88
420	(13)	005102	PLEASURE BEACH 17 (B) (P A (Skegness) Ltd) W O'Gorman 7-7	N Adams	⊞
421	(19)	0220	WARDARA 10 (B) (Miss J Crowley) Miss G Kelleway 7-7	L Charnock	88

Long handicap: Pleasure Beach 7-5, Wardara 7-3.

BETTING: 7-1 Kabil, 8-1 Sue Me, 12-1 Lloc, Nafta, 14-1 Astral Invader, Balance Of Power, Time Of Trouble, 16-1 Don't Look Now, Embezzler, Noble Kingdom, Qualitair Pride, Rissby, Walhaanah, 20-1 others.

1993: GADGE 8-7 M Roberts (10-1) J Sutcliffe 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

NOBLE KINGDOM 4l 3rd of 5 to I Should Cocoa in conditions race at Salisbury (6f, good). KABIL beat Gallows Corner 4l in 14-runner nursery at Kempton (6f, good) on penultimate start. BALANCE OF POWER 3l 4th of 14 to Symonds Inn in nursery over course and distance (good) with ASTRAL INVADER 1½l 5th and NAFTA (3lb better off) 4¾l 8th. SUE ME beat Solo Prize 3½l in 10-runner nursery at York (6f, soft). NUREMBURG 4l 3rd of 13 to Muralja in maiden at Nottingham (6f, soft). DON'T LOOK NOW 1l 2nd of 21 to Cabcharge Blue in nursery at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). EMBEZZLER ¾l 2nd of 13 to Pennycairn View in nursery at Redcar (6f, good). PLEASURE BEACH 3l 2nd of 14 to Circa in nursery at Southwell (AW, 6f). Selection: SUE ME

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 CHALLENGE STAKES (Group II: £33,459: 7f) (8 runners) C4

501	(8)	182120	PICCOLO 11 (F,S) (J Mitchell and Partners) M Channon 3-9-0	J Reid	89
502	(2)	624111	SOVIET LINE 13 (D,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-0	Pat Eddery	⊞
503	(3)	443-206	ZIETEN 40 (C,G,S) (Godolphin) J Gosden 4-9-0	L Dettori	98
504	(7)	0-10522	ALANEES 13 (C,G) (M Obaida) C Brittain 3-8-11	M Roberts	93
505	(4)	621-203	ARJUZAH 13 (D,F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 4-8-11	W Carson	95
506	(6)	1-25022	FIRST TRUMP 19 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-8-11	M Hills	95
507	(1)	261136	HELLO MISTER 20 (C,F,G,S) (B Mitten) J O'Donoghue 3-8-11	P McCabe	92
508	(5)	1-61223	GIRL FROM IPANEMA 32 (D,S) (C Wright) P Cole 3-8-8	T Quinn	87

BETTING: 7-4 First Trump, 5-2 Soviet Line, 4-1 Alanees, 6-1 Arjuzah, 8-1 Zieten, 10-1 Piccolo, 12-1 others.

1993: CATRAIL 3-8-11 M Roberts (4-5 fav) J Gosden 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PICCOLO 11l 9th of 10 to Lochsong in group I Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp (5f, good to soft). Previously 3½l 2nd of 8 to Lavinia Fontana in group I Haydock (6f, good) Sprint Cup with ZIETEN (3lb better off) 10¾l 6th. SOVIET LINE beat ALANEES (4lb worse off) ¾l in group III SUPREME Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to soft) with ARJUZAH (4lb worse off) head 3rd. ZIETEN best effort this season when 1½l 2nd of 16 to Ski Paradise in group II race at Tokyo (7f, firm). FIRST TRUMP 1l 2nd of 11 to Lake Coniston in group III Diadem Stakes at Ascot (6f, good). HELLO MISTER 3¾l 8th of 12 to Gorinsky in handicap at Ascot (5f, good). GIRL FROM IPANEMA 2l 3rd to Eternal Reve in group III Matron Stakes at the Curragh (1m, soft). Selection: SOVIET LINE

4.15 FORDHAM HANDICAP (£6,391: 7f) (28 runners) C4

601	(22)	2-12400	RIVER BOARD 12 (D,F) (Mrs M Clark) W Haggas 4-10-0	B Rouse	92
602	(19)	111000	TAJDIF 13 (C,D,F,G) (Hyde Sporting Promotions Ltd) D Morley 4-9-11	T Ives	90
603	(13)	386111	POLISH ADMIRAL 13 (CD,F,G) (W Brubmuller) C Wall 3-9-10	L Dettori	90
604	(18)	350046	SASEEDO 7 (C,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 4-9-9	Emma O'Gorman (3)	87
605	(17)	0-60050	WATANI 34 (C,G) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-7	W Carson	90
606	(24)	000545	CALEMAN 24 (D,F) (M Berger) R Boss 5-9-7	A McGlone	89
607	(5)	163603	I'LLEAVEITTOYOU 7 (D,F,G) (R Hawthorn) S Dow 4-9-8	J D Smith (5)	95
608	(25)	402031	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 15 (D,F,G,S) (A Collins) J Watts 6-9-5	N Connorton	91
609	(9)	133200	ABSOLUTE MAGIC 13 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 4-9-5	M Tebbutt	92
610	(1)	1-300	FINGER OF LIGHT 19 (V,C,S) (Snailwell Stud Co) M Stoute 3-9-4	Pat Eddery	85
611	(11)	41-8500	BLUE BOMBER 69 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-9-3	D O'Neill (7)	90
612	(15)	521130	JAWAAL 12 (C,BF,F) (T Fox) Lady Herries 4-9-2	J Reid	95
613	(4)	322151	HELIOS 48 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Panting) N Walker 6-8-13	R Cochrane	89
614	(7)	012111	GO WITH BO 12 (CD,F,G) (C Sparrowhawk) G Lewis 3-8-8	A Whelan (7)	94
615	(10)	10-0000	SOUTHERN RIDGE 92 (S) (B Brown) D Elsworth 3-8-8	J Williams	89
616	(27)	005160	SECUNDUS 19 (D,F,S) (C Meehan) B Meehan 3-8-8	W Newnes	92
617	(23)	040060	PRIMA SILK 31 (F) (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 3-8-7	D Biggs	93
618	(16)	050501	PANIKIN 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Lambert) J Wharton 6-8-5 (6ex)	M J Kinane	⊞
619	(5)	0-80000	CHILI HEIGHTS 12 (V,CD,G,S) (B Attenborough) G Balding 4-8-4	A Clark	85
620	(21)	003200	ROBELLION 14 (V,F) (G Thompson) D Arbuthnot 3-8-3	T Quinn	92
621	(3)	044500	ERTLON 12 (B,F) (C Brittain) C Brittain 4-8-3	M Roberts	96
622	(26)	030053	FAIRY STORY 12 (D,F,G) (The Fairy Story Partnership) R Akehurst 4-8-3	P Robinson	94
623	(2)	0-31000	SOZZLED 5 (B,D,G) (Mrs R Heathcote) B Hills 3-8-2	M Hills	85
624	(14)	022223	REVERAND THICKNESS 26 (The Wareley Partnership) S Williams 3-8-2	J Tate (3)	85
625	(20)	132302	MAID O'CANNIE 26 (B,F) (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 3-8-2	L Charnock	82
626	(12)	534430	TOP PET 37 (D,F) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 4-8-1	G Bardwell	90
627	(28)	0-20000	MOON STRIKE 12 (B,C,F,G) (A Foustok) W Jarvis 4-8-0	W Carson	86
628	(8)	645100	BARATO 35 (F,G) (D Young) Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-12	J Fanning	87

BETTING: 7-1 Polish Admiral, 10-1 Fairy Story, Jawaal, 12-1 Go With Bo, 14-1 Finger Of Light, Panikin, 16-1 Caleman, I'lleaveittoyou, 20-1 Maid O'Cannie, River Board, Tajdif, 25-1 others.

1993: NORFOLK HERO 3-8-10 Pat Eddery (16-1) D Murray-Smith 28 ran

FORM FOCUS

POLISH ADMIRAL beat Governor George ½l in 11-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with SASEEDO (6lb better off) about 2¾l 4th, TAJDIF (6lb better off) ¾l 8th and ABSOLUTE MAGIC (5lb better off) 2½l 10th. I'LLEAVEITTOYOU neck and 1l 3rd of 9 to Caranita in handicap at York (7f, good to soft) with SASEEDO (3lb worse off) about 3l 6th. SAGEBRUSH ROLLER beat Alter The Last 1½l in 9-runner claimer at Newcastle (7f, good). FINGER OF LIGHT best recent effort head and ¾l 3rd of 9 to Crazy Paving in conditions race over course and distance (good). JAWAAL best recent effort beat Java Queen 5l in an 8-runner apprentices' handicap at Ascot (1m, good to firm). GO WITH BO beat Madly Sharp ½l in 27-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with FAIRY STORY (2lb better off) neck 3rd, MOON STRIKE (8lb better off) about 6l 8th, ERTLON (8lb better off) ½l 9th and CHILI HEIGHTS (9lb better off) 4l 13th. PANIKIN beat Jigsaw Boy 3l in 23-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, soft). MAID O'CANNIE head 2nd of 27 to Master Of Passion in Silver Cup Handicap at Ayr (6f, good to soft). Selection: POLISH ADMIRAL

4.50 EBF CHESTERTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £8,627: 1m) (27 runners)

1	(26)		AFRICANNIGHTINGALE (Multiyork Ltd) M Tompkins 9-0	P Robinson	–
2	(1)		BODENHAM (W Gredley) G Rimmer 9-0	R Price	–
3	(20)		CANDLE SMILE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	L Piggott	–
4	(11)		CHIEF BURUNDI (G Salnaghi) L Cumani 9-0	L Dettori	–
5	(10)		CRESPO (Sheikh Mohammed) J Fanshawe 9-0	N Varley	–
6	(15)		CROWN MY CHIEF (E Carter) J Banks 9-0	L Newton	–
7	(6)		DR ZHIVAGO (A Lelwich) M Jarvis 9-0	M Roberts	–
8	(12)		ELATION (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	A Clark	–
9	(23)	0	FUJIYAMA CREST 37 (S Hata) M Stoute 9-0	J Tate	–
10	(24)	0	IMLAK 24 (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	W Carson	–
11	(18)		NATIONAL GRID (Lord Matthews) R Williams 9-0	B Rouse	–
12	(8)		PANAMA HAT (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 9-0	M Tebbutt	–
13	(25)	3	PURE MELODY 14 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0	R Cochrane	81
14	(4)	3	ROYAL SCIMITAR 16 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	⊞
15	(3)	5	SEARS TOWER 15 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 9-0	M Perrett	80
16	(21)		SHAWAHIN (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	T Ives	–
17	(19)		STYLO (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0	C Hodgson	–
18	(13)		TOSKANO (U Schwarzenbach) I Balding 9-0	M Hills	–
19	(16)	0	TYPHOON EIGHT 14 (M Sin) B Hills 9-0		72
20	(17)		VAUGRENIER (I Twigden) R Hannon 9-0	J Reid	–
21	(14)	4	VETTORI 28 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	M J Kinane	94
22	(9)	4	WILLIE CONQUER 33 (R Tooth) D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	75
23	(22)	0	CHIEF'S PRINCESS 12 (Mrs A Naughton) P McEntee 8-9	Stephen Davies	69
24	(7)		JAMBIA (K Abdulla) H Cecil 8-9	A McGlone	–
25	(5)	2	LAST SPIN 31 (J Long) J Jenkins 8-9	M Baird	93
26	(2)		PRAGLIA (C Humphris) J Dunlop 8-9	W Newnes	–
27	(27)		QUESTRILL (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-9	Pat Eddery	–

BETTING: 3-1 Chief Burundi, 4-1 Jambia, 7-1 Royal Scimitar, 8-1 Pure Melody, 10-1 Vettori, Elation, 12-1 others.

1993: WEIGH ANCHOR 9-0 L Dettori (4-1) I Balding 19 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	61	309	19.7	M J Kinane	11	52	21.2
Lady Herries	6	33	18.2	Pat Eddery	102	536	19.0
J Gosden	55	317	17.4	W Carson	73	532	13.7
P Cole	24	158	15.2	Stephen Davies	5	37	13.5
D Loder	7	46	15.2	L Dettori	71	533	13.3
L Cumani	49	324	15.1	N Varley	4	31	12.9

□ Avro Anson, trained by Maurice Camacho, was well backed with Ladbrokes yesterday for the Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket on Saturday. He was trimmed from 14-1 to 11-1. The same company reported support for outsider Purple Splash, who was cut to 33-1 from 40-1.

REDCAR

THUNDERER
1.50 No Comebacks
2.20 FIRST BID (nap)
2.50 Divine Pursuit
3.20 Zuboon
3.55 Maid For Walking
4.25 Jackatack
4.55 Randonneur

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Rory.
3.20 CANZONET (nap).

GOING: GOOD (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.50 REDCAR OCTOBER HANDICAP (£5,266: 1m) (16 runners)

1	(6)	5-05006	COLWAY ROCK 19 (V,D,G,S) (R Coleman) J Watts 4-9-10	B Thomson	94
2	(14)	405000	SHOW FAITH 12 (B,D,G,S) (I N Wight) R Hannon 4-9-8	R Perham	96
3	(11)	121011	RORY 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 3-9-5	S Mulvey (5)	96
4	(15)	14/600-0	CRYSTADO 143 (D,G) (J Johnston) J Haldane 5-9-4	Dean McKeown	88
5	(3)	111200	QUEENS CONSUL 5 (D,F,G) (Miss H Dawson) B Rothwell 4-9-4	M Fenton	94
6	(2)	2610	ACHARES 19 (D,BF,S) (Cuadra Africa) J Dunlop 3-9-3	W Ryan	92
7	(4)	01-2415	SEGALA 27 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs M Eonever) M Prescott 3-8-11	G Duffield	90
8	(7)	003	SHIP OF THE LINE 23 (J Swaine) J Fanshawe 4-8-9	D Harrison	91
9	(1)	000203	COMMON LAW 12 (C,S) (Mr N Myers) M Channon 4-8-9	R Hughes	92
10	(8)	500020	DENSBEN 5 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 10-8-7	A Culhane	⊞
11	(10)	003000	LUCKY MESSAGE 5 (G) (W Armitage) J Etherington 3-8-6	J Carroll	92
12	(13)	542231	CALDER KING 10 (D,F,S) (C Barker) J Eyre 3-8-5 (5ex)	J Fortune	95
13	(16)	245050	LEGAL FICTION 28 (J Morrison) M Johnston 3-8-4	J Weaver	94
14	(12)	335000	NO COMEBACKS 12 (C,D,F,S) (L Snowdon) E Alston 6-8-3	J Quinn	90
15	(9)	463-04	SUSHI BAR 175 (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-0	K Darley	84
16	(5)	204040	PINE RIDGE LAD 29 (F,G) B Beasley 4-7-12	T Williams	97

BETTING: 4-1 Rory, 5-1 Colway Rock, 6-1 Ship Of The Line, 13-2 Calder King, 7-1 No Comebacks, Show Faith, 8-1 Segala, 10-1 others.

1993: MISSED FLIGHT 3-9-5 G Duffield (2-1) C Wall 19 ran

2.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,058: 1m 5f 135yd) (15 runners)

1	(4)	121110	CUTTHROAT KID 27 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-12	K Darley	93
2	(14)	03513/	BEAUCHAMP GRACE 189J (G) (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 5-8-9	J Stack (5)	–
3	(2)	415051	FIRST BID 5 (C,F,G,S) (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 7-9-9 (5ex)	A Culhane	94
4	(7)	60-5034	BROCTUNE BAY 61 (M Bailey) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-7	J Carroll	90
5	(10)	220010	ELFLAA 28 (CD,F) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 3-9-7	R Hills	93
6	(13)	00010	BRUMON 17 (G) (S Corman Ltd) A Stewart 3-9-5	S Whitworth	94
7	(12)	054	KIOMI 14 (I Goldsmith) R Akehurst 4-9-5	R Hughes	94
8	(6)	542-000	CANNY CHRONICLE 17 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4	J Fortune	90
9	(3)	21406	KANDYAN 26 (V) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 3-9-3	B Thomson	⊞
10	(15)	214403	POTSCLOSE 15 (F) (Duke of Roxburghe) M Johnston 3-9-2	J Weaver	93
11	(1)	6/3025	TREMENDISTO 19 (J Wilson) J Wilson 4-8-12	G Hind	94
12	(8)	0424-00	DEMURRER 28 (Marquesa de Moratalla) J FitzGerald 4-8-11	M Fenton	87
13	(9)	024330	LA CHANCE 24 (Mrs J Khan) C Britain 4-8-9	B Doyle	98
14	(5)	006310	BANANA COVE 28 (BF,S) (Sir Thomas Pilkington) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-8	Paul Eddery	94
15	(11)	103-060	HO-JOE 26 (F) (S Ho) J Carr 4-8-7	S Morris	88

BETTING: 9-2 First Bid, 6-1 Kiomi, 7-1 Tremendisto, Broctune Bay, 8-1 Beauchamp Grace, 10-1 Cutthroat Kid, Kandyan, 12-1 others.

1993: BOLD ELECT 5-8-12 L Charnock (7-2) P Wigham 14 ran

2.50 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,372: 7f) (5 runners) C4

1	(5)	6	CRYSTAL CAVERN 40 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) R Charlton 8-11	K Darley	98
2	(2)		DIVINE PURSUIT (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	–
3	(1)	6	LARENTIA 12 (Mrs N Kairis) J Fanshawe 8-11	D Harrison	97
4	(4)	6	SHEAMA 89 (M Abdullah) W Jarvis 8-11	R Hills	⊞
5	(3)	0	TRANQUILLITY 62 (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	J Weaver	–

BETTING: 6-4 Divine Pursuit, 5-2 Larentia, 7-2 Sheama, 4-1 Crystal Cavern, 20-1 Tranquillity.

1993: BABY LOVES 8-11 Paul Eddery (5-2 jt fav) Mrs J Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRYSTAL CAVERN 8¼l 6th of 20 to Deceive in maiden at Kempton (6f, good). DIVINE PURSUIT (foaled April 12). Sister by Dance Quest to smart sprinter Divine Danse and half-sister to Pursuit Of Love, 7f juvenile winner; dam, smart sprinting half-sister to Noblequest, winner of group I Prix de La Salamandre. LARENTIA 13l 6th of 11 to Epagris in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). SHEAMA about 4¾l 6th of 14 to Lion's Mane in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). TRANQUILLITY 15l 14th of 19 to Alusha in maiden at Newbury (6f, good). Selection: SHEAMA

3.20 LESLIE PETCH MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP (£6,849: 1m 6f 19yd) (8 runners) C4

1	(5)	133432	ZUBOON 69 (S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-7	R Hills	95
2	(7)	2-12101	SHADOWS OF SILVER 19 (CD,F,S) (Mrs R Corbett) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-4	K Darley	92
3	(1)	2-05000	HIGHFLYING 19 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Batey) G Moore 8-9-2	J Carroll	⊞
4	(6)	1433-50	MISS PLUM 192 (G,S) (Lucayan Stud) Lady Herries 5-9-1	J Weaver	90
5	(8)	415156	SLASHER JACK 40 (F,G) (T Chiang) S Norton 3-9-0	G Hind	96
6	(3)	321100	SOLOMON'S DANCER 36 (C,D,F,G) (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-8-12	Dale Gibson	94
7	(2)	510113	CANZONET 20 (G) (Pin Oak Stable) M Prescott 3-8-1	G Duffield	97
8	(4)	622403	SECRET SERENADE 28 (F) C Fairhurst 3-8-0	J Marshall (5)	98

BETTING: 5-2 Zuboon, 3-1 Shadows Of Silver, 7-2 Canzonet, 4-1 Slasher Jack, 10-1 Secret Serenade, 12-1 Solomon's Dancer, 20-1 Highflying, 25-1 Miss Plum.

1993: SAFETY IN NUMBERS 3-8-0 J Quinn (8-13 fav) Lady Herries 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZUBOON short-head 2nd of 10 to Jack Button in handicap at Newmarket (2m, good). SHADOWS OF SILVER beat Miss Pin Up neck in 10-runner handicap over course and distance (good to soft) with HIGHFLYING (7lb better off) 45l 9th. MISS PLUM 7¾l 5th of 14 to Paradise Navy in Doncaster handicap (2m 2f, good) on penultimate start. SLASHER JACK best recent effort beat Brandon Court 6l in 5-runner York handicap (1m 4f, good). SOLOMON'S DANCER best recent effort beat Wings Cove 1¼l in 9-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good). CANZONET 3¾l 3rd of 14 to Foundry Lane in Haydock handicap (1m 4f, good to soft). SECRET SERENADE 10¾l 3rd of 16 to Chris's Lad in Ayr handicap (1m 7f, good to soft). Selection: ZUBOON

3.55 TOTE TWO-YEAR-OLD TROPHY (2-Y-O: £96,579: 6f) (26 runners) C4

1	(1)	5212	PASTEL 21 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	G Hind	79
2	(15)	110445	SILCA BLANKA 19 (D,G,S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 8-13	R Hughes	81
3	(14)	111441	PRINCELY HUSH 26 (D,S) (P Philipps) M Bell 8-12	M Fenton	97
4	(22)	21	FRENCH GRIT 50 (C,F) (M Wilson) M Dods 8-10	Dale Gibson	73
5	(25)	21201	LOVEYOUMILLIONS 47 (D,F,S) (M Doyle) M Johnston 8-10	J Weaver	86
6	(10)	410455	THE HAPPY FOX 28 (G) (G Whitaker) B McMahon 8-10	J Fortune	76
7	(18)	51168	TILER 12 (BF,F,S) (Mrs C Robinson) M Johnston 8-10	Dean McKeown	76
8	(16)	010	AXEMAN 47 (D,F) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 8-7	W Ryan	82
9	(5)	404131	TRY TO PLEASE 14 (D,F,G) (Sir Anthony Page-Wood) M Heaton-Ellis 8-7	W Woods	79
10	(12)	226	TWICE AS SHARP 41 (Formula Twelve) P Harris 8-7	S Whitworth	70
11	(4)	21	MARHA 21 (D,S) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-5	R Hills	82
12	(24)	555114	LAGO DI VARANO 20 (B,G,S) (M Jackson) J Berry 8-4	J Carroll	93
13	(20)	644222	SONIC BOY 35 (BF,S) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 8-4	Paul Eddery	95
14	(2)	653	SUPER PARK 29 (A Bottomley) M H Easterby 8-4	M Birch	66
15	(23)	1114	BRIEF GLIMPSE 56 (D,F,G) (Whiteways Racing) D Chappell 8-2	B Thomson	87
16	(19)	41533	FFYNONE 56 (D,G) (Mrs W Gibson Fleming) R Hannon 8-2	R Perham	79
17	(3)	2115	REGAL FANFARE 27 (D,F,G) (M Wauchope) J Hills 8-2	K Darley	⊞
18	(8)	411014	CIM BOM BOM 43 (D,F,S) (Y Birol) M Bell 8-1	G Duffield	92
19	(17)	125341	HERE COMES RISKY 26 (D,S) (Mrs M Pott) M Johnston 8-1	T Williams	86
20	(26)	303011	IN GOOD FAITH 7 (F,S) (R Dawson) J Quinn 8-1	J Lowe	86
21	(9)	204353	PETOSKIN 22 (B,S) (Kennet Valley Farms Ltd) R Hannon 8-1	G Carter	96
22	(21)	825553	SALTZ 19 (Mrs J Martin) P Dalton 8-1	D R McCabe	73
23	(7)	226	ZEB 57 (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 8-1	F Norton	88
24	(13)	012652	MAID FOR WALKING 16 (D,F,S) (C Brasher) D Loder 7-13	D Harrison	97
25	(11)	13322	MUSICAL SEASON 28 (S) (P Savill) T Barron 7-12	J Quinn	93
26	(6)	610012	CIRCA 9 (D,G) (Reldvale Ltd) G Lewis 7-10	N Carlisle	87

BETTING: 9-2 Princely Hush, 6-1 Maid For Walking, 10-1 Sonic Boy, Cim Bom Bom, Brief Glimpse, 12-1 Musical Season, Marha, 16-1 others.

1993: CAPE MERINO 7-7 J Lowe (33-1) A Smith 26 ran

FORM FOCUS

PASTEL 1l 2nd of 11 to Autumn Affair in nursery at Ascot (6f, good to soft). SILCA BLANKA 8¾l 5th to Eltish in group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft). PRINCELY HUSH beat Fallow 1¾l in 9-runner group II Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, soft). FRENCH GRIT beat Total Stranger 2½l in 10-runner maiden auction here (5f, good to firm) with SALTZ (2lb better off) 5l 5th. LOVEYOUMILLIONS beat Veuve Hoornaert ¾l in 29-runner conditions race at The Curragh (6f, soft) with AXEMAN (3lb better off) 3¼l 9th. TRY TO PLEASE beat Tart And A Half ¾l in 16-runner nursery at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). MARHA beat Golden Tune 2½l in 5-runner conditions race at Ascot (6f, good to soft). LAGO DI VARANO beat MUSICAL SEASON (3lb better off) 1l in 7-runner listed race at Ayr (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start with THE HAPPY FOX (9lb worse off) 6¼l 5th. SONIC BOY ½l 2nd of 8 to Prussian Flag in conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good). BRIEF GLIMPSE 5¼l 4th of 6 to Harayir in group II Lowther Stakes at York (6f, good to firm). HERE COMES RISKY beat Cumbrian Minstrel 1l in a 9-runner nursery at Ayr (6f, good to soft). IN GOOD FAITH beat Ihtiram neck in 15-runner nursery at York (1m, good to soft). MAID FOR WALKING 1¾l 2nd of 28 to Don Corleone in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). Selection: PRINCELY HUSH (nap)

4.25 CUB HUNTERS RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,826: 1m) (9 runners)

1	(1)	0000	BOUNDARY EXPRESS 10 (Mrs I Bird) M Johnston 9-0	J Weaver	–
2	(4)	000	FIRST BITE 28 (E Landi) J Dunlop 9-0	W Ryan	88
3	(7)	0260	HIGH FLOWN 16 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0	K Darley	⊞
4	(9)	065445	JACKATACK 9 (P Taplin) M Channon 9-0	R Hughes	83
5	(6)	026540	MONEGASQUE 41 (A de V Patrick) W Muir 9-0	J Carroll	92
6	(5)	05006	NEIGH BOTHER 17 (Fir Trading Ltd) B Murray 9-0	J Stack (5)	98
7	(3)	00000	PUNCH 17 (Mrs D Wright) N Tinkler 9-0	M Birch	72
8	(2)	040	HEVER GOLF LADY 85 (R Popely) T Naughton 8-9	Paul Eddery	88
9	(8)	005	TEMPLEMORE 23 (M Andrea) N Callaghan 8-9	G Carter	89

BETTING: 11-4 Jackatack, 7-2 Hever Golf Lady, 9-2 Monegasque, 5-1 High Flown, 6-1 First Bite, 7-1 Templemore, 8-1 Boundary Express, 10-1 others.

1993: ART TATUM 9-0 J Reid (9-4 fav) R Hannon 12 ran

4.55 EGTON CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,233: 7f) (7 runners)

1	(1)	042040	WAJIBA RIVA 13 (G) (The Winning Team) R Hannon 9-2	K Darley	96
2	(6)	5-1309	CRACKHILL FARM 82 (F) (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0	M Birch	97
3	(7)	053030	BALLAH SHACK 18 (B,D,F) (Abdulla Al Khalifa) G Lewis 8-13	Paul Eddery	96
4	(3)	0260	DON'T ANSWER THAT 88 (P Selby) P Blockley 8-12	T Wall	–
5	(5)	053020	RANDONNEUR 13 (C,F,G,S) (T Scotham) E Weymes 8-12	G Hind	98
6	(4)	015-330	QUEENBIRD 13 (D,S) (A Reid) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	⊞
7	(2)	134	MADARY 42 (F) (H Salem) C Brittain 8-9	B Doyle	87

BETTING: 5-2 Queenbird, 7-2 Madary, 4-1 Wajiba Riva, 9-2 Randonneur, 5-1 Crackhill Farm, 7-1 Ballah Shack, 100-1 Don't Answer That.

1993: NIGHT MELODY 9-4 K Darley (7-4 fav) R Hannon 6 ran

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JOCKEYS: Paul Eddery, 20 winners from 87 rides, 23.0%; K Darley, 48 from 257, 18.7%; W Ryan, 15 from 95, 15.8%; D Harrison, 6 from 38, 15.8%; G Duffield, 19 from 131, 14.5%; J Stack, 3 from 22, 13.6%; G Hind, 11 from 82, 13.4%

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Formula One showman's future with Williams remains uncertain

New dawn for Mansell sheds no light

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN ESTORIL

The track was wreathed in low cloud and coated in fine rain. All but one of the grey garage doors in the pit lane was closed, paint chipped from a wall lay at the side of the straight and stands that were full for last month's Portuguese Grand Prix were deserted. Estoril was a ghostly place yesterday.

A summer playground assailed by autumn, it was quiet where usually only the roar of engines fills the air. The few spectators in the main stand sheltered under umbrellas like cricket followers waiting for a Test match to start. Ferrari and Gerhard Berger, Benetton and Michael Schumacher, had departed. Only Williams and Nigel Mansell were left.

Estoril is a place full of bitter-sweet associations for Williams, the circuit where Alain Prost shocked the sport when he announced his retirement last season two days before clinching the world championship.

Nine months ago, they paraded Ayrton Senna here at the test when he first fulfilled his ambition of driving for the team and appeared before the world's media in his blue-and-white overalls, standing beside Damon Hill, an enigmatic smile on his face, the cars idle behind them on the track. Three weeks ago, Hill won his eighth grand prix here to bring himself within one point of Schumacher in the race for the drivers' championship.

Yesterday, Williams made another new start. Whether it was really a new beginning or the beginning of an end remains to be seen but when the rain ceased, the clouds lifted and some sun sneaked through, Mansell took to the track to prepare himself for the last three races of the Formula One season when he returns to the team with whom he won the 1992 world championship.

It was as different as it could be from the party atmosphere that gripped Brands Hatch when he appeared there in the run-up to his participation in the French Grand Prix in June, but he did a series of short spells of explosive laps punctuated by long silences as he consulted with his engineers on the set-up of the car. He will test here again today before leaving for Jerez this afternoon.

The question of whether those three grands prix — the European, in Spain, on Sunday, and then in Japan and Australia — will bring down the curtain on his glorious career or merely form the prelude to a new association with Williams next year has become a matter of obsession for the sport's observers. Some dislike him so intensely that the prospect of a more permanent return fills them with dread. They urge Frank Williams, the team owner, not to re-employ Mansell next year, telling him his time is past, that David Coulthard should be given his chance alongside Hill.

> 'Perhaps Mansell doesn't have the answers'

Others, including many of the sport's marketing men and some drivers, feel they need Mansell to fill the vacuum left by the absence of Prost and Senna and to provide sterner opposition to Schumacher next season. They want him back because he is one of the last of the showmen.

Sitting on a settee in his hotel in the mountains near Sintra, Mansell looked tense and tired yesterday after his long journey from California where he ended the final chapter of his IndyCar excursion last Sunday.

Most of his comments were stunted and stifled, restricted by confidentiality clauses in his contract with Williams. Everyone wants to know what he will be doing next year and he cannot tell them. He said only that he was "fully committed" and that he had lost ten pounds in the last six weeks through dieting. Everyone assumes he will help Hill in the race for the title, move over to let him pass if he has to. "Some of you have got me using a walking stick," he said, "and now you are asking me if I'm going to pull over to let him through. I just hope Michael and Damon disappear into the distance and get on with it themselves. I want to familiarise myself with the car in Jerez and I will be stronger and stronger in Japan and Australia." He is selling his house in Florida and moving back to the Isle of Man, that much is certain. All his eggs are not in one basket, he said, but that could be an oblique reference to Ferrari or his golf course in Devon.

"You will have to wait and see," he kept saying. "Look at the bigger picture." When he got to the track, it was more of the same. Portuguese and Spanish journalists tackled him this time in a sparse white room. Again he fended them off with enigmatic replies. "They keep trying," he said as he left the room.

Perhaps Mansell doesn't have the answers. Perhaps Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, holds the cards. Then again, perhaps it is Frank Williams. Wait and see.

Herbert signs, page 42



Mansell's mind is concentrated on the job in hand during testing of his Williams-Renault in Estoril

A tired and sticky wicket

The Poms Down Under: Bodyline. *Radio 5 Live, 8.35pm.*

Old disputes, like old soldiers, never die. That's the way historical analysts like it. Why else would a sports guru such as Peter Baxter want to produce and present *The Poms Down Under*? This is a retelling, for the umpteenth time, of the events in the crisis that struck Test cricket during England's 1932-33 tour of Australia. Much bad blood was spilt, reputations — and bodies — were bruised, and a new word got into the cricketers' lexicon: bodyline. Baxter cannot resist the temptation to remind us that when the liner bringing the MCC party to Fremantle docked, they were greeted with a rousing chorus of "For They are Jolly Good Fellows!". Thanks to bodyline, there was no encore when Jardine and Company sailed home.

Beau Geste. *Radio 4 (FM) 10.00am.*

Radio 4 producers must have rubbed their hands with glee when they got two real-life brothers, David and Michael Lumsden, to play Beau and John Geste in this serialisation of P.C. Wren's rattling good yarn about the French Foreign Legion. What a coup it would have been if there had been a third Lumsden, to play Digby! Greg Snow has adapted the book. He has kept in all the essentials. I think the first few minutes are a bit tacky, with the young Gestes staging the Viking funeral in the lily pond. But once the grown-ups take over, and we enter the Saharan fort that is defended by dead Legionnaires, things improve dramatically.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 5.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo with guests Bjorn and Benny from Abba 12.00 Emma Freud, incl. at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 3.45 Superman: Doomsday and Beyond 4.00 Nicky Campbell, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 Kennedy — NYC: magazine show 10.00 Greg Proops with comedy and conversation 12.00-4.00am Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan; incl at 8.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Derek Jameson 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Steve Jones 5.05 John Dunn from the Ski Show, NEC Birmingham 7.00 The News Huddlines: comedy with Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett 7.30 Country Club: Bluegrass star Alison Krauss 9.00 Paul Jones 9.45 Gospel Train 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden, incl at 1.30 Pause for Thought 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 9.40 Film Review 10.35 Europe Now; 11.15 Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.30pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay. 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Warren on Top 8.35 The Ports Down Under Bodyline See Choice 9.35 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.00-6.00 Up All Night with Richard Dalyn

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Chopin (Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Travel Guide 8.00 Rossini (Overture: L'Italiana in Algeri); Strauss (Intermezzo); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C); Brahms (Symphony No 3 in F) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air. Telemann (Concerto in G); Mozart (Variations on Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman); Franck (Le chasseur maudit); Prokofiev (The Montagues and Capulets, Romeo and Juliet, Op 64); Franz Lachner (Herbst); Strauss (Don Juan, Op 20) 9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Brahms (Warum ist das Licht gegeben, Op 74 No 1; Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115; Nänie, Op 82) 10.05 **Musical Encounters.** Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Op 28); Verdi (Giovanna d'Arco); Ginastera (Variaciones Concertantes); Mozart (String Quartet in F) 11.30 *Artist of the Week:* Anne Murray, mezzo, sings Mahler (Lieder Eines Fahrenden Gesellen) 12.00 **Ensemble:** The Delmé Quartet (r) 1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Philharmonic, George Lloyd (*Symphony No 5*) (r) 2.00 **Schools:** Radio Q and A (r) 2.05 In the News 2.25 Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies 2.40 Music Workshop: Music Course 3. Sherlock Holmes 3.00 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins. Stephanie Gonley, violin; Tim Hugh, cello. Borodin (Overture: Prince Igor); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 1 in G minor, Winter Daydreams) 4.35 **Mozart and J.S. Bach:** Christopher Kite, fortepiano, J.C. Bach (Sonata in G, Op 17 No 4); Mozart (Sonata in D, K311) (r) 5.00 **The Music Machine:** Superbunker. Jungle music 5.15 In Tune, with Geoffrey Baskerville 7.10 **Le roi malgré lui:** Chorus of Opera North; English Northern Philharmonia under Paul Daniel perform Chabrier's opera, live from the Grand Theatre, Leeds, in a new English version by Jeremy Sams and Michael Wilcox. 8.10 The James Naughtie Interview, with Jeremy Sams 8.25 Part 2 9.15 New Light on Chabrier. Gerald Larner, Roy Howat and Edward Blakeman discuss aspects of the composer revealed in his newly published letters 9.30 Part 3 10.10 **Deutsche Romantik: The Creation of New Ideals.** Sarah O'Brien Twohig considers the legacy of unrequited love (4/10) 10.20 **After Chabrier . . .** Yaara Tal and Andreas Groethuysen play piano duets by Louis Théodore Gouvy. Impromptu, Ghiribizzi; Sonata in F 10.45 **Night Waves:** The career of the painter, wit, dandy and author James McNeill Whistler 11.30-12.30am **Voices:** Death as expressed in song. Mussorgsky (Songs and Dances of Death); Brahms (Denne es gehet dem Menschen, O Tod, wie bitter bist du, Four Serious Songs, Op 121); George Crumb (Songs, Drones and Refrains of Death) 1.00-2.00 **Night School:** Let's Make a Story 1.30 Music Box

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Alan Bennett's Diaries 8.50 Weather 9.00 **News 9.05 Face the Facts,** with John Waite (r) 9.30 **Options:** James and Rona Lawrence, whose bid to adopt a mixed-race child was blocked by local social services in 1991, argue that social services' control is undemocratic 10.00-10.30 **News; Beau Geste** (FM only): See Choice 10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only) 10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only) (23/41) (r) 10.30 **Woman's Hour,** with Jenni Murray 11.30 **From Our Own Correspondent** 12.00 **News; You and Yours,** with Tasneem Siddiqi 12.25pm **Curious Cooks:** With Sophie Grigson, Australian food writer Cherry Ripe, and panellists Nigel Slater and Clarissa Dickson-Wright 12.55 Weather 1.00 **The World at One** 1.40 *The Archers* (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 **News; Twilight,** by Mary Halpin. A neurologist confronts her past through a patient's illness 3.00 **Anderson Country,** with Gerry Anderson 4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Paul Allen looks at the role of the prompt in the theatre 4.45 **Short Story: La Scala / Inflammata,** by Christine Harrison. Read by Tessa Gearing 5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation** 7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers** 7.20 **Document** 8.00 **Analysis:** Danys Blakeway examines the erosion of political authority 8.45 **Powerful Substances:** Music, poetry, interviews and archive material, with Gill Lavers 9.00 **Does He Take Sugar?** For listeners with disabilities 9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 **The World Tonight** 10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Dad Two-and-a-Half Man,** in a Bolt, Nigel Williams reads from his book 11.00 **21st-Century Blues:** By Steve Walker. Chalf (Donald Pleasence), a stylite and chronicler, rediscovers a nephew who has undergone the sleep vaporising operation with awesome results. With Rachel Atkins (5/5) 11.30 **The Tatsin Touch** (FM only): Alun Morgan introduces the American pianist's last recordings (r) 11.30 **Travels with a Tape Recorder** (LW only): James McNeish recalls the early 1960s 11.45 **Today in Parliament** (LW only) 12.00-12.43am **News;** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Cronje's defiance serves only to delay Australia

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A VALIANT unbeaten 98 by Hansie Cronje was not enough to prevent South Africa losing to Australia by six runs in the opening match of a triangular one-day cricket tournament in Lahore yesterday. Replying to Australia's modest 207 for six, South Africa were 201 for eight at the end of their 50 overs.

Cronje, the South Africa vice-captain, came to the crease after the early dismissal of Gary Kirsten, who fell in the fourth over to Fleming. But while Cronje kept one end intact, wickets fell at regular intervals at the other end.

Steve Waugh, who with his captain, Mark Taylor, was Australia's joint top-scorer with 56, won the man-of-the-match award after picking up the important wickets of Cullinan and Rhodes. South Africa were 50 for three when Cullinan was caught at mid-wicket attempting a pull, and although Cronje and Rhodes then added 76 runs off 94 balls, the dismissal of Rhodes — trapped leg-before for 42 — sparked a collapse. Mark Waugh dismissed McMillan for three, and the late-order batsmen had no answer to the pace of McDermott.

South Africa required 14 runs when McDermott began the final over, but the Queenslander bowled Richardson with the first delivery and Matthews with the fifth, leaving Cronje two runs short of his fourth one-day hundred.

Earlier, Australia had been given a sound start by Taylor and Slater, who put on 98, and although Mark Waugh and Boon went cheaply, both stumped off the left-arm spinner, Shaw, Steve Waugh revived the innings with a fine knock that included five fours in 83 minutes.

Bobby Simpson, the Australia coach, said McDermott's efforts had been the deciding factor after his team had failed to capitalise on the platform created by the opening batsmen. Australia meet Pakistan in the second match tomorrow.

☐ The Sri Lanka opener, Asanka Gurusinha, compiled the third slowest century in Test history in Harare yesterday as the first Test against Zimbabwe dragged on remorselessly. Gurusinha, who completed his hundred on the second day after 533 minutes at the crease, faced 405 deliveries and managed 11 fours. Only Mudassar Nazar, of Pakistan, and Jackie McGlew, of South Africa, have laboured longer over a Test century. Gurusinha was eventually dismissed for 128 as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 383, made from 179 overs.

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SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

*M A Taylor st Richardson b Shaw	56
M J Slater st Richardson b Shaw	44
M E Waugh c and b Cronje	3
D C Boon run out	8
S R Waugh c Kirsten b Matthews	56
M G Bevan run out	15
†I A Healy not out	18
G R Robertson not out	1
Extras (lb 1, nb 5)	6
Total (6 wkts)	207

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-98, 2-107, 3-107, 4-126, 5-160, 6-202.

BOWLING. de Villiers 9-1-38-0; Matthews 10-1-41-1; McMillan 3-0-24-0, Simons 8-0-37-0, Shaw 10-0-34-2; Cronje 10-1-32-1.

SOUTH AFRICA

*K C Wessels c Healy b Fleming	6
G Kirsten c Healy b Fleming	4
W J Cronje not out	83
D J Cullinan c Slater b S R Waugh	12
J N Rhodes lbw b S R Waugh	42
B M McMillan b M E Waugh	3
E O Simons b McDermott	19
†D J Richardson b McDermott	4
C R Matthews b McDermott	1
T G Shaw not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 7)	11
Total (6 wkts)	201

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-9, 2-15, 3-50, 4-126, 5-143, 6-182, 7-194, 8-200

BOWLING. McDermott 10-2-32-3, Fleming 10-3-29-2; S R Waugh 10-0-35-2; Warne 10-0-39-0, Robertson 7-0-41-0; M E Waugh 3-0-14-1



Taylor drives McMillan for four in Lahore yesterday

Lara late arrival for tour of India

THE West Indies cricketers arrived in India yesterday for their three-Test tour without Brian Lara, their vice-captain. The record-breaking Warwickshire batsman had missed the flight from London.

Courtney Walsh, the new captain, said he expected Lara to join the party in Delhi today. The players seemed unworried by the outbreak of plague that had forced the start of the tour to be put back for a week. "I have not heard a word about the plague from the cricketers since we got together," David Holford, the manager, said.

In addition to the three Tests, West Indies, who are without Richardson, Haynes and Ambrose, will take part in a triangular one-day tournament with India and New Zealand.

"This tour is of paramount importance," Walsh said. "We will miss the experience of the stalwarts but this is an opportunity for the youngsters to make their mark. We have some fine players among the replacements and by the time the Tests are played these boys will be fine-tuned."

Prince of players for Middlesex and England

John Woodcock welcomes the publication of a biography of Denis Compton, a batsman of spontaneous genius



Compton: daring, brave and exotically gifted

It is 62 years since Denis Compton, then 14, went to Lord's for the first time and scored 114 for the Elementary Schools against C. F. Tufnell's XI, on the main ground, not the Nursery. He was back there recently to talk about his authorised biography, published today and the work of Tim Heald, who already numbers the Duke of Edinburgh and Dame Barbara Cartland among his subjects and is under way on the late Brian Johnston.

It would be impossible to write other than eulogistically about Compton, surely one of the most captivating sportsmen of the 20th century. E. W. Swanton was the first to do so, with *Denis Compton, a Cricket Sketch*, published in 1948 and a gem of its kind, and Peter West the last, with *Denis Compton, Cricketing Genius*, published in 1989.

Although Heald is too young to have seen the best of Compton at the crease — he was only three in 1947, Denis's *annus mirabilis* — he understands and transmits the magic, for that is what it was. This is a book everyone can be delighted with: Compton himself because, like his batting, it is essentially felicitous; his adherents because there are no disillusionments, and the author because writing it enabled him to make a friend of an idol.

Nobody else has ever batted quite like Compton. He was dashingly handsome, though in a sufficiently incidental way; he was guided entirely by the light of nature, and played with such spontaneity that nobody, himself included, knew quite what was coming next. There were dark days, of course, and a knee that became a constant handicap (his right kneecap, removed in 1955, is to be found, unpickled, in the archives at Lord's); but of all the cricketers I have seen, from Bradman to Lara, none was more lavishly blessed or made a more wonderful blend out of genius and enjoyment.

The modern game would have been too rigorous, too brutal for him. If the truth be told, he doesn't care for it all that much. Were he to try his inimitable ploy of walking down the pitch to challenge the West Indian fast bowlers of today, they would go for his throat; and he would have nothing like the same opportunities to extemporise against the spinners. It is a good thing he played when he did: the thought of Denis batting in a helmet, like some masked Adonis, is unbearable. Half the joy of watching him came from being able to see him.

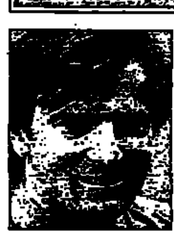
Compton is now 76 not out, the very score with which he held Australia at bay in only his second Test match at Lord's in 1938. He is president of Middlesex and gets round at the moment on a crutch, more because of that ruddy knee than a recently replaced hip. The odyssey from Hendon, where he was born, to the Committee Room at Lord's, where nobody is more welcome, is affectionately and trustingly covered by Heald, who, having set out to discover what his man was like, finds "he is one of the most open personalities imaginable: generous, brave, exotically gifted, chaotic, modest, likes a flutter, likes a drink, likes a pretty face . . ."

Granted the chance to watch one batsman from the last 60 years come back and make a characteristic hundred, I would not hesitate in plumping for Compton. I am not talking about someone to give a technical exposition (thought, when need be, he had a pure enough method) or for someone to bat all day or to make big hits or even just to play brilliantly. It was the charm and boyishness and ingenuity that made Denis, at his best, unique. Neville Cardus called it an "incalculable genius": that is how incomparable it was.

☐ *Denis, the authorised biography of the incomparable Compton, by Tim Heald (Pavilion, £16.99).*

Farewell and good luck to the lords of muck

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

"Cometh the hour, cometh the binman," proclaimed Edward Woodward, as Nev urged his reluctant colleagues to one first and final burst of punctuality in their battle against corrupt municipal management and life in general. Sadly no longer. For cometh about 9.30pm next week we'll all be settling down to *Between the Lines*. Yes, **Common as Muck** (BBC1) has rolled into the depot for the last time.

The good news for devotees of the slowest dustcart in the north is that a new series is planned. The bad news is that, because of prior commitments by its writer, William Ivory, and Edward Woodward, it will not be on our screens until 1996 at the earliest. I for one am already putting out my black plastic sacks.

For *Common as Muck* has been a triumph, both in popular terms and creatively. True, the gutter patois of Nev, Ken and the late lamented Foxy has offended a few as, no doubt, has the series' distinctly no frills, no thrills approach to sex. But for the majority, they were just two factors that made this tragi-comedy one of the most enjoyable and watchable explorations of the human condition for some time.

Honours for this must be shared equally. Ivory's scripts didn't mirror life, they magnified it — generating comedy but never losing credibility. His characters too had the same convincing ring of truth — the hopes and dreams of Jonno and Marie, the self-destructive streak in Ken, the world-weary wisdom of Nev. They may have been more prone to unexpected bursts of eloquence than most, particularly when facing one of life's great injustices (death, work, etc), but their conclusions were, I suspect, familiar to many. "It's all a load of bloody b*****ks."

The fact that *Common as Muck* was not was also due to some fine acting, with Woodward as Nev, Michelle Holmes as Marie and Neil Dudgeon as Ken all outstanding. Last night also saw Paul Kember emerge, horribly convincingly as George Ward, the weasel face of municipal corruption. Finally, when it comes to Bafta time, I hope someone remembers the music by the Other Two — I came out humming the credits.

Mind you after four weeks of practice, I'm already doing a fairly good version of the theme tune to **University Challenge** (BBC2). Wonderful how the years just roll away. Last night's round was an elitist little clash between Brasenose College, Oxford and Trinity College, Cambridge, the first all-Blue encounter since the programme's revival.

But there's elitism and elitism, as question master Jeremy Paxman, a Cambridge man himself, made all too clear. Former students of Trinity, he told us, include "six British prime ministers, the poets Tennyson, Byron and Dryden and the scientists Rutherford and Newton". By contrast, the best Brasenose could muster was "John Buchan, Lord Runcie and Michael Palin". Hardly worth them turning up, really.

The contest got off to a somewhat surreal start, with a bonus round on model villages. Not only have the good architectural works of the Prince of Wales apparently gone un-noticed amid the dreaming spires, the answer to "which model village was built by the soap millionaire, William Lever?" was not "Legoland", apparently proffered in all seriousness. Paxman was sufficiently thrown to muff his joke about Port Sunlight being the first Merseyside soap. Well, it was never going to be very funny.

The programme continues to raise almost as many questions as its contestants answer. Such as, what sort of person knows that if you're 60 degrees North and 25 degrees East you're actually a few miles from the centre of Helsinki? And what sort of question-setter thought "which afternoon express train between London and Paris was known in France as the *flèche d'or*?" was an appropriate intellectual challenge for supposedly some of the best brains in Britain?

The thankfully correct answer was met with the now familiar Paxman catch-sneer: "Pretty easy." Interestingly, one of Paxman's other innovations, a tetchy "Come on" is increasingly being replaced by "Have to hurry you". I wonder where he got that from.

Over on Channel 4 anyone having a bit of trouble deciphering why the skinhead in *Cracker* went round spraying the number 9615489 near his murder victims received a painful clue. Five years ago 96 people died on the 15th of April, at the Hillsborough football stadium. **Dispatches** kicked off a new series with a documentary arguing that some football clubs have still not got crowd safety in order.

There is no doubt that its reporter, Joe Layburn, helped by the ubiquitous hidden camera, did uncover some worrying safety lapses, particularly with regard to smoking in wooden stands. As Sir Oliver Popplewell, the author of the report into the Bradford fire, told him: "I find it frightening that the lessons that were so painfully learned at Bradford and at Hillsborough have been so readily forgotten." But driven by the premise that "great disasters from little errors grow", Layburn quickly became an irritating pedant. Where was the exit sign? Why wasn't this gangway painted in a bright colour? Was this steward hard of hearing?

All valid points, but surely better taken up with local safety officers than broadcast on prime-time television. Crowd safety is obviously an important matter, but my sympathies still lay with the vice-chairman of Portsmouth, who when confronted with video evidence of a steward who spent the match knitting, replied: "If you point him out to me, I'll go and find out what stitch he's using."

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (14597)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34576313)

9.05 Kids' Kilroy. Young people discuss the problems of the homeless (s) (9835955)

9.30 A Word in Your Ear presented by Gordon Burns (s) (48288)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (1278752)

10.05 Conservatives Live from the Bournemouth International Conference Centre. Includes at **11.00** and **12.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (38590077) **12.55pm Regional News** (26388787)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Teletext) and weather (86972)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89883232) **1.50 Turnabout** with Rob Curling (s) (85812990)

2.20 Golf. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the Toyota World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth (s) (4103597)

3.50 Brum (s) (4971619) **4.05 The Animals of Farthing Wood** (r) (Ceefax) (7779619) **4.30 Pirates** (Ceefax) (s) (9868874)

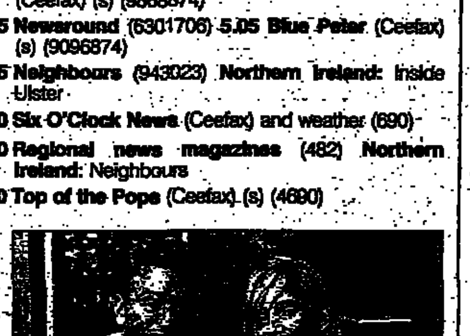
4.55 Newsround (6301706) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (9096874)

5.35 Neighbours (943023) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (690)

6.30 Regional news magazines (482) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (4690)



Toby Walton and Michelle Collins (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (226)

8.00 [redacted] **999: Lifesavers.** (Ceefax) (s) (7110)

8.30 Waiting for God starring Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden as the indomitable residents of a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s) (9145)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) (Ceefax)

9.30 Chef! Lenny Henry stars as the fiery cook who abhors anything less than perfection. (Ceefax) (s) (93348)

10.00 [redacted] **Inside Story: Wiped Out.** (Ceefax) (600706) **Northern Ireland:** Spotlight 10.30 Inside Story 11.20 Question Time 12.25-1.05am Golf; **Wales:** The Slate 10.30 Inside Story 11.20 Question Time 12.20am Golf 1.00-2.25 FILM: Malcolm

10.50 Question Time from Bournemouth. David Dimbleby's guests are MPs David Hunt, Mo Mowlam and Malcolm Bruce and Mary Ann Sieghart, an assistant editor of *The Times* (Ceefax) (300329)

11.50 Golf. Highlights of the first round of the World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth (s) (417503)

12.30am FILM: Malcolm (1986) starring Colin Friels and John Hargreaves. Australian comedy following the escapades of a dim-witted inventor of ingenious gadgets who becomes embroiled in his lodgers' criminal lifestyle. Directed by Nadia Tass (2329207)

1.55 Weather (4030578). Ends at **2.00**

3.00-3.40 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (6406085)

BBC2

7.15am Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (6023684) **7.20 Bertha** (r) (6955955) **7.35 Smoggies** (r) (7827481)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (3689400) **8.15 It's Eileen.** The story of Eileen Allen who somehow retains her sense of humour despite having to look after six elderly relatives. (Ceefax) (5089313)

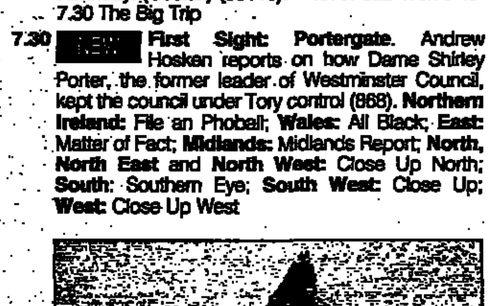
9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes, plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (s) (2878981) **1.45-2.00** Storytime (s) (68468684)

2.10 Conservatives Live from Bournemouth. On this afternoon's agenda is the debate on law and order. Includes **News** at **3.00** and **3.50** (94332313)

5.30 Golf. Steve Rider reports on the first round of the Toyota World Matchplay Championship (619)

6.00 FILM: Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971) starring James Garner, Jack Elam and Suzanne Pleshette. Comedy western about a conman who persuades the townsfolk of Purgatory that his inept partner is a celebrated gunslinger. Directed by Burt Kennedy. (Ceefax) (33110). **Wales:** Star Trek 6.45-7.30 The Big Trip

7.30 NEW **First Sight: Portergate.** Andrew Hosken reports on how Dame Shirley Porter, the former leader of Westminster Council, kept the council under Tory control (868). **Northern Ireland:** File an Phoball; **Wales:** All Black; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North East** and **North West:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South West:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West



The Old Man of Stoer is reconquered (8.00pm)

8.00 [redacted] **The Edge: Dr Tom.** (Ceefax) (s) (5752)

8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson drives the Audi A8 and Steve Berry meets members of the Pre-50 American Car Club. (Ceefax) (s) (7787)

9.00 FILM: Loser Takes All (1990) starring Robert Lindsay, Molly Ringwald and Sir John Gielgud. Drama about an accountant on his honeymoon in Monte Carlo who uses his knowledge of numbers to devise a system for beating the casinos. Directed by James Scott. (Ceefax) (2975665)

10.20 Genocide — How It Happened. World Service correspondent Mark Doyle recalls the massacres in Kigali (655023)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (924058)

11.15 Late Review (s) (449077) **11.55 Weather** (164139)

12.00 FILM: Second Chance (1953, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum, Linda Darnell and Jack Palance. Drama about a gangster's moll and a disillusioned prizefighter who fall in love while the woman is on the run from a hitman in Mexico. Directed by Rudolph Mate (8330849). Ends at **1.25am**

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Lloyd's survivor John Donner (BBC 1, 10.00pm)

Inside Story: Wiped Out
BBC1, 10.00pm

It may be difficult to be sorry for very rich people who gambled on becoming even richer and lost, but this anthology of hard-luck stories from Lloyd's names may still win sympathy. They went in with their eyes open, knowing that if things went wrong they were liable for everything. But they did not foresee the huge losses in the insurance market nor how Lloyd's, a name synonymous with good faith and fair dealing, would treat them. The stories range from the merely sad (an Irish landowner reduced to living in a caravan) to the tragic (a former admiral driven to suicide). To most of us the sums involved are mind-boggling. One name admits to owing Lloyd's £3 million. He also admits to being hooked by flattery and greed.

Critical Eye: Quick War, Slow Death
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A follow-up to a *Critical Eye* film transmitted last year returns to the claim by Allied troops who fought in the Gulf War that they are suffering permanent brain damage from drugs administered by their own side. The medicine was supposed to give protection against chemical attacks but may turn out to be an own goal. Moreover, while the Pentagon has recognised the existence of "Gulf War syndrome", and has agreed to compensate sufferers, the Ministry of Defence refuses to accept that there is any such thing. The programme also alleges that the British military has tried to hush the matter up. Dr Vivien Lane, who served with the RAF, says she was told that if she made her condition public she would not work as a doctor again.

999: Lifesavers
BBC1, 8.00pm

What with reading the news, chairing *The Moral Maze* and co-presenting this compendium of real-life rescues, Michael Buerk has hardly been off the television screen. From tonight he will be less in evidence because *999 — Lifesavers* comes to the end of its current series. No doubt the show, and Buerk, will be back, for the formula is a clever one. It exploits our fascination with reliving other people's misfortunes, but there is usually a happy ending and a chance to dispense practical advice on how to prevent similar mishaps. Featured tonight are a Lassie-like tale of a man who was saved by his golden retrievers after being trampled by cows and the strange case of the 16-year-old Irish girl and her missing front tooth.

The Edge
BBC2, 8.00pm

The history of Scottish mountaineering salutes one of the sport's true stars. Dr Tom Patey was not only a climber of great skill, whose career embraced many first ascents. He was an entertainer and a character, who thought nothing of shinning up some mountain between his GP's surgeries. He became a national figure in 1967 with the memorable BBC broadcast from the Old Man of Hoy. Sadly he died three years later in an abseiling accident. In the film three of Patey's most notable climbs, including the Old Man of Stoer in Sutherland, are re-created by Chris Bonington and other former colleagues. The unseen cameraman, Duncan McCallum, deserves a mention for his spectacular footage.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4451348)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9831139) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2782110)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (s) (1330874)

10.35 This Morning (99338110) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1223400)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8117023)

12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (8125042) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (81380313)

1.55 Vanessa. Vanessa Feltz chairs a discussion on a topical women's subject (s) (64462459)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53453232)

2.50 Gardeners' Diary with John Ravenscroft (1769232)

3.20 News (Teletext) (6138961) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6137232)

3.30 The Riddlers (4882771) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (4346969) **3.50 Britt Allcroft's Magic Adventures of Mumfie** (s) (4966787) **4.05 Astro Farm.** (Teletext) (s) (9425139) **4.20 Garfield and Friends** (r) (6650435) **4.45 Bad Influence!** Computer games magazine (s) (9785597)

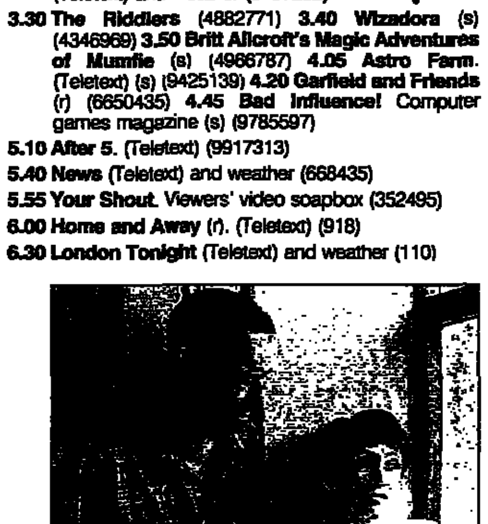
5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (9917313)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (668435)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (352495)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (918)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (110)



Clive Hornby and Alyson Spiro (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Sarah Sugden gives husband Jack an ultimatum. (Teletext) (6058)

7.30 The Big Story (s) (394)

8.00 The Bill: Silent Partner. Pearce and Croft investigate a burglary. (Teletext) (5706)

8.30 Blues and Twos: D-Day. A series on the work of Britain's emergency services, this week focuses on the crew of the Gosport and Fareham inshore rescue service. (Teletext) (s) (1313)

9.00 Taggart: Secrets. Episode two of the three-part detective thriller starring Mark McManus. (Teletext) (s) (8936)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (59416) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (316110)

10.40 Revelations. Episode two of the 26-part drama about the family of a wealthy Church of England bishop (s) (787058)

11.10 Big City. London entertainment (s) (773481)

11.40 NEW **Time Out With . . .** Comedian Keith Allen is the first celebrity to take us on a personal tour of London (924313)

12.10am Street Legal. American drama series (5874085)

1.10 Donahue. The guests are mothers whose daughters are dating married men (9769714)

2.00 The Beat (r) (s) (6435733)

2.55 Quiz Night. Pub competition (7378801)

3.20 The Album Show (r) (s) (3514356)

4.20 On the Live Side featuring Ben Sidran (25737733)

4.30 Beyond Reality (54795)

5.00 Videofashion (r) (44820)

5.30 ITN Morning News (27004). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30am Chicken Minute (r) (87348)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (22955)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (63665)

9.30 Schools: Middle English **9.45** The Maths Programme **10.05** Scientific Eye **10.27** Geographical Eye **10.50** Your World **11.00** Believe it or Not **11.16** Changing Wales **11.40** The French Programme (737706)

12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Great Horned Owl (r) (56329)

12.30pm Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series. The guest is Ziggy Marley (12690) **1.30 Lift Off** (r) (92665)

2.00 Maiden Voyages. Zenab Ahmed returns to her Pakistan roots for the first time since her English mother left her Pakistani father, 26 years ago (r). (Teletext) (s) (2464)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket and Redcar. Brough Scott and Derek Thompson introduce live coverage of the 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.15 races from Newmarket and the 2.50, 3.20 and 3.55 races from Redcar (70023)

4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (435)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are "regression therapist" Barbara Findelsen and her admirers and critics. (Teletext) (s) (5841416)

5.50 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (925868)

6.00 Home Improvement. American comedy series about the host of a television DIY programme (r). (Teletext) (s) (400)

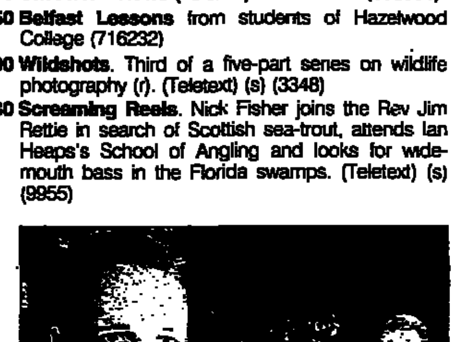
6.30 Roseanne. Wisecracking domestic comedy series with, this week, country and western singer Loretta Lynn (r). (Teletext) (s) (752)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (552232)

7.50 Belfast Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (716232)

8.00 Wildshots. Third of a five-part series on wildlife photography (r). (Teletext) (s) (3348)

8.30 Screaming Reels. Nick Fisher joins the Rev Jim Rettie in search of Scottish sea-trout, attends Ian Heaps's School of Angling and looks for wide-mouth bass in the Florida swamps. (Teletext) (s) (9955)



Britain's victims of the Gulf War (9.00pm)

9.00 [redacted] **Critical Eye: Quick War, Slow Death.** (Teletext) (s) (2706)

10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Television newsroom comedy series (s) (57058)

10.30 Bakersfield P.D. Comedy series in a Californian police department. (Teletext) (s) (100936)

11.05 Prostitute. The second of three programmes exploring the world's oldest profession. In French with English subtitles (r) (455023)

12.05am The World of Hammer. The portrayal of Frankenstein's monster (6164789)

12.35 Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (9227511)

1.20 The People's Parliament (r). (Teletext) (s) (4665443)

2.20 FILM: Go Into Your Dance (1935, b/w) starring Al Jolson and Ruby Keeler. A backstage musical directed by Archie Mayo (631559). Ends at **3.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (89888787) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (1769232) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9917313) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (804394) **10.40** Marquee (787058) **11.10** Phoenix (728481) **12.05am** Married with Children (4364707) **12.35** Tropical Heat (2968172) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (4266733) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6858608) **2.40** Strongroom (7028288) **3.55** Jobfinder (2540240) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5374443)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89888787) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (1769232) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9917313) **6.25** Central News and Weather (379145) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (411400) **11.10** B.L. Stryker (579868) **1.00am-1.10** Profile (9619482) **4.20** Jobfinder (6413153) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8599627)

GRANADA
As Scottish except: 12.55pm Home and Away (8125042) **1.25** Emmerdale (81380313) **1.55** Vanessa (89888787) **2.20** Good Advice (53372313) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1769232) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (6137232) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9917313) **6.25** Granada Tonight (804394) **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale (6058) **10.30** Granada News (316110) **10.40** Revelations (787058) **11.10** A Postcard from... Bournemouth (773481) **11.40** The Good Sex Guide (924313) **12.10am** Coach (8651269) **12.35** Tropical Heat (2968172) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (4266733) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6858608) **2.40** Strongroom (7028288) **3.55** Jobfinder (2540240) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5374443)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25pm Gardening Time (53371684) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7916435) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9917313) **5.55** Home and Away (987085) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (804394) **10.40** The Good Sex Guide (787058) **11.10** Midweek (773481) **11.40** The West This Week (924313) **12.10am** Married with Children (8651269) **12.35** Tropical Heat (2968172) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (4266733) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6858608) **2.40** Strongroom (7028288) **3.55** Jobfinder (2540240) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5374443)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (804394) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (394) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (316110) **11.10** A Welsh Life (773481) **11.40-12.10pm** The Big Story (924313)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2782110) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1223400) **1.55** A Country Practice (89888787) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1769232) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6137232) **5.10** Home and Away (9917313) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (915481) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (918) **6.30-7.00** Time Off (110) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (316110) **10.40** The Magic and Mystery Show (787058) **11.10-12.10pm** Magnum (456752) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (44820)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2782110) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1312349) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1311619) **2.25** The Sullivans (53371684) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6137232) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9917313) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (52941) **10.40** Westcountry Focus: Fair's Fair (787058) **11.10** Power Game (773481) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (898058) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (2968172) **1.30** Superstars of Wrestling (4266733) **2.10** America's Top Ten (6858608) **2.40** Strongroom (7028288) **3.55** Jobfinder (2540240) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (5374443)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (89888787) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (1769232) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9917313) **5.55** Calendar (717787) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (110) **10.40** Edit V (844868) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (723938) **12.20am** The Omega Man (808207) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6657337) **2.35** Cinema (6952725) **3.05** Tiger By The Tail (2030240) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (62808)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (22955) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (63665) **9.30** Ysgolion (737706) **12.00pm** Profiles of Nature: The Great Horned Owl (56329) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (93394) **1.00** Hullabaloo (25042) **1.30** For Love or Money (20619) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket and Redcar (70023) **4.30** The Cosby Show (435) **5.00** 5 Pump: Noc Noc (1936) **5.30** Fifteen To One (787) **6.00** Newyddion (379936) **6.20** Heno (790145) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4400) **7.30** Noson Lawen (64023) **8.30** Newyddion (9955) **9.00** Pobl Y Chyff (1961) **9.30** The Golden Girls (86058) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (57058) **10.30** Alan Bleasdale Presents: Requiem Apache (29126077) **12.05am** The Wasted Windfall (5873356)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (96594954) **8.40** Cartoons (8779665) **9.30** Card Sharks (9407752) **9.55** Concentration (9415771) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2161110) **10.30** New Candid Camera (90787) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (65684) **12.00** Urban Peasant (18139) **12.30pm** E Street (42684) **1.00** Falcon Crest (47139) **2.00** Hart to Hart (13787) **3.00** Class of '96 (8378139) **3.45** DJ Kat (1709787) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (7329) **6.00** Gamesworld (4394) **6.30** Spellbound (1874) **7.00** E Street (8058) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7058) **8.00** Sightings (75936) **9.00** LA Law (88400) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (61787) **11.00** Late Show (620400) **11.45** Battlestar Galactica (538684) **12.45am** Barney Miller (69743) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (19265)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1209481) **9.30** Past Lives (39110) **10.30** Nightline (98329) **1.30pm** CBS News (49597) **2.30** Memories of 1970-89 (7435) **3.30** Head Injuries (6752) **6.00** Littlejohn (21145) **9.30** Worldwide Report (26690) **11.30** CBS News (38684) **12.30pm** ABC News (20627) **1.10** Littlejohn (1038849) **2.10** Newswatch (5322698) **2.30** Memories of 1970-89 (53627) **3.30** Head Injuries (r)(77207) **4.30** CBS News (78462) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (41608)

SKY MOVIES
6.05am Showcase (83165481) **10.00 Murder So Sweet** (1993): Psycho chiller (45400) **12.00 The Buddy System** (1984): Romantic comedy (10690) **2.00pm The Great Bank Robbery** (1969): Spoof western (89139) **4.00 The Accidental Golfer** (1991): Golfing comedy (36271023) **5.55 Murder So Sweet** (As 10am) (56875690) **7.30 El News Week in Review** (9226) **8.00 Natural Selection** (1993): Psycho thriller (77348) **10.00 Wedlock** (1990): Futuristic (215503) **11.45 Street Knight** (1992). Drama (301329) **1.20am Dead Before Dawn** (1993): Thriller (529714) **2.55 Grave Secrets: The Legacy of Hilltop Drive** (1992): Horror (8416462) **4.25 The Great Bank Robbery** (As 2pm) (440199). Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Raid on Rommel (1971): Second World War adventure (83139) **8.00 Madame X** (1966): Thriller (68684) **10.00-12.00 The Lords of Discipline** (1983): Race drama (34139)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Lawless Street (1955): Western (69232) **8.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (1985): Cartoon (23941) **9.00 King Solomon's Mines** (1986): Animated tale (215876) **10.00 Hook** (1991): Adventure (40855888) **12.25pm The Haunted School** (1986): Adventure (477139) **2.10 Sangaree** (1953). Historical drama (265961) **4.00 The Hunchback of Notre Dame** (As 8am) (30329) **5.00 King Solomon's Mines** (As 9am) (7139) **6.00 Greyhounds** (1993): Drama (24473232) **7.40 Hook** (As 10am) (39657503) **10.00 Trespass** (1992): Treasure hunt (213145) **11.45 Killer Looks** (1992): Erotic drama (229771) **1.20am Love Kills** (1991): Thriller (7353482) **2.50 Child's Play** (1972): Drama (971714) **4.35-6.00 A Lawless Street** (As 6am) (2379612)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6873145) **7.15** WWF Challenge (275058) **8.15** Soccer News (8381634) **8.30** Drag Racing Santa Pod (96058) **9.00** Extreme (17810) **9.30** Aerobics (20503) **10.00** Rugby Club (92706) **11.00** Get Your Handicap Down (92139) **11.30** NBA Basketball Magazine (93868) **12.00** Aerobics (90874) **12.30pm** England v Romania (47394) **2.30** Rugby Club (15597) **3.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (9868) **4.00** Watersports World (89619) **5.00** WWF All American (2961) **6.00** Soccer News (134351) **6.15** Sports Classics (184856) **6.30** World of Rugby Union (5232) **7.00** Cricket — Hong Kong Sixes (91023) **9.00** Golf and All its Glory (22668) **10.00** Soccer News (673874) **10.15** Sports Classics (678329) **10.30** A to Z (44023) **11.30** World of Rugby Union (70042) **12.00-2.00am** Cricket (28462)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (18226) **9.00** Equestrianism (16481) **10.00** Eurotennis (67874) **11.00** Dancing (94110) **12.00** Football (52690) **2.00pm** Motors (77955) **3.00** Live Golf (46329) **5.00** Eurofun (2394) **5.30** Triathlon (49042) **6.30** Superbike (18684) **7.30** Eurosport News (3684) **8.00** Wrestling (20400) **9.00** Combat Sports (17936) **10.00** Football (27597) **11.30** Tennis (65110) **12.00** Golf (22848) **1.00-1.30am** Eurosport News (29153)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Destinations (5702771) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5969042) **1.00** Cruising the Globe (7367972) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5968313) **2.00** American Adventurer (5246684) **2.30** Cooking in America (6331348) **3.00** Video Trips (5338619) **3.30** Mansions (6230665) **4.00** Cruising the Globe (6242400) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6248684) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5237936) **5.30** Cooking in America (6239036) **6.00** Video Trips (6332077) **6.30** American Adventurer (6323329) **7.00** Destinations (5240400) **7.30** Around the World (6249313) **8.00** Travel Guide (4360145) **9.00** Round Trip (9768619) **9.30** Cooking in America (5052706) **10.00** Alaska Video Postcards (5703400) **10.30** Destinations (5892348) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9667936) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (8977684)



Ed Asner stars as Lou Grant (Family Channel, 11.00pm)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5709684) **8.30** Peyton Place (5708955) **9.00** As the World Turns (2069874) **10.00** Guiding Light (3532732) **11.00-12.30pm** Another World (6844348)

TLC
9.00am The Art of Flowers (7886481) **9.30** High Days and Holidays (1346684) **10.00** Parents Talking (4727042) **10.30** Some Babies Die (1244139) **11.30** Who Cares Wins (5539752) **12.00** A Choice for K'aila (7979145) **12.30pm** Cash in Hand (1340400) **1.00** High Days (5317435) **1.30** Flowers (1349771) **2.00** Draw (39413348) **2.15** Extra Dimensions (4114400) **3.00** Successful Home Video (1708787) **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go (6104899)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (8416023) **7.30** Neighbours (8508058) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9966400) **8.30** EastEnders (9965771) **9.00** The Bill (9956023) **9.30** Wings (5677226) **10.30** Bergerac (88254752) **11.35** Sullivans (19019416) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9049787) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1357232) **1.00** EastEnders (8415394) **1.30** The Bill (1356503) **2.00** Robin's Nest (8086597) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (9809481) **3.00** Knots Landing (3060232) **4.00** Dynasty (3983139) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2237955) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (4188313) **5.55** Terry and June (8202416) **6.30** EastEnders (8997690) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (8267435) **8.00** Three Up, Two Down (8162961) **8.30** Robin's Nest (8085868) **9.00** Minder (6263619) **10.00** The Bill (9040416) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6499077) **11.25** Rory Bremner (4744348) **12.05am** Dr Who (1508153) **12.35** FILM: Suzy (1936): Romance (4823462) **2.15-3.00** Shopping (8400714)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4012077) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (131400) **6.45** Casper (130771) **7.15** Head to Head (6210232) **7.25** Garfield (1967597) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (5052023) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2984936) **8.40** Tiitou (8254435) **8.50** Cococinel (8250619) **9.00** Droibee (63313) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (96665) **11.00** Kitty Cats (36597) **11.30** Barney (37226) **12.00** Ratkan III (32874) **12.30pm** Head to Head (16905077) **12.40** Garfield (4282416) **1.10** Saved (14225058) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54450058) **1.50** Tiitou (54376042) **2.00** Babar (8400) **2.30** Twinkle (8961) **3.00** Toons (3010226) **3.10** Around the World (5456226) **3.45** The Bots Master (830874) **4.15** Head to Head (1067961) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (2597)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (82329) **7.30** Grimmy (3495058) **7.45** Rugrats (694955) **8.15** Rocko (2077936) **8.30** Ghostbusters (14400) **9.00** Nick Jr (689400) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (98416) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (22961) **1.00** Doug (89400) **1.30** Chipmunks (21232) **2.00** Denver (7416) **2.30** Smoggies (5865) **3.00** Ghostbusters (3023) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (9510) **4.00** Grimmy (2145) **4.30** Rugrats (6329) **5.00** Clarissa (5868) **5.30** Doug (9481) **6.00** Guts (6394) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (3874)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (9984503) **4.30** Arctic (9990787) **5.00** Guide to the Orient (8171619) **5.30** New Explorers (9818139) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1267665) **7.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (8068955) **7.30** Mysterious World (9991416) **8.00** Connections 2 (8160503) **8.30** Skybound (8076110) **9.00** Secret Weapons (3970665) **9.30** Survival (1262110) **10.00** Realm Of Darkness (6254348) **11.00** From the Horse's Mouth (3975110) **11.30-12.00** Alligators (3233597)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (1959) Drama (1352058) **1.30pm** Mothers-in-Law (1278771) **2.00** thirtysomething (3232868) **3.00** My Three Sons (8083400) **3.30** Beverly Hillbillies (9808334) **4.00** FILM: Madness of the Heart (1949): Thriller (8167416) **6.00** Green Hornet (9908706) **6.30** I Spy (6828226) **7.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (9815042) **8.00** thirtysomething (8165023) **9.00** Twilight Zone (3070619) **9.30** FILM: The Breaking of Bumbo (1970) Comedy (3586348) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (3220023)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (9447771) **8.00** Treatment (7898226) **8.30** Great Expectations (7897597) **9.00** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (7909868) **9.35** Definition (4278348) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4712110) **10.30** Susan Powter (7873961) **11.00** Young and Restless (3705400) **11.55** Look (2317690) **12.30pm** Practical Living (34926313) **12.45** Kilroy (4647232) **1.30** Family Affairs (1341139) **2.00** Agony Hour (4720139) **3.00** Living (9350049) **3.45** Gladrags (46942139) **4.00** Infatuation (3102482) **4.30** Definition (57410874) **4.55** Masterchef (3470597) **5.30** Kate and Allie (4758526) **6.00** Susan Powter Show (7908049) **6.30** Musquest (2752941) **7.00** Living Magazine (4460619) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (4373139) **9.00** FILM: Mr Wrong: Thriller (80571868) **10.40** Gladrags (9868348) **11.00** Infatuation (5548400) **11.30-12.00** Maternal World (4718394)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tinsn (1752) **5.30** Boogies (9077) **6.00** Black Beauty (9890) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (7042) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4416) **7.30** Mighty Jungle (3226) **8.00** Snowy River (60042) **9.00** Moonlighting (53706) **10.00** Catchphrase (33503) **10.30** GP (46023) **11.00** Lou Grant (97394) **12.00** Rhoda (37443) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (45153) **1.00** Catchphrase (42085) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit II (86917) **2.00** Moonlighting (59559) **3.00** Lou Grant (60578) **4.00** Rhoda (92627) **4.30-5.00** Mighty Jungle (63578)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (28771) **7.30** Grind (36869) **8.00** Awake on the Wildside (62797) **9.00** VJ Ingo (223868) **12.00** Soul (63232) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (76752) **2.00** Afternoon Mix (54435) **4.00** Sports (8771) **4.30** The Report (6822135) **4.45** Cinematic (9148990) **5.00** News (7202348) **5.15** Three from One (4540868) **5.30** Dial (1435) **6.00** Music Non-stop (81771) **8.00** Greatest Hits (62400) **9.00** Most Wanted (22348) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (48481) **11.00** Report (381684) **11.15** Cinematic (477435) **11.30** News (447329) **11.45** Three from One (382684) **12.00** Pulse (39801) **12.30am** The End? (89714) **2.00** Soul (51917) **3.00** Grind (64207) **3.30-6.00** Videos (722559)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (8717413) **9.00** Cafe 1 (1856961) **12.00** The Bridge (8799619) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best: Driving (8838787) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8154077) **3.30** Into the Music (7177684) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5059619) **7.00** For You (4280955) **8.00** Rock (4362503) **9.00** Ten of the Best: Weather (4286139) **10.00** The Bridge (2072348) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (8979042) **12.00** The Nightfly (5218375) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1556191) **3.00** Rock (8761424) **4.00** Ten of the Best (8045849) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (6704266)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (38139) **7.00** Asian Morning (69706) **8.30** Bunyaad (52684) **9.00** Regional Movie (218936) **12.00** Serial (85400) **1.00pm** Hindi Movie: Gol Maal (121936) **4.00** Kiddie Time (7969) **4.30** TVA and You (9023) **5.00-6.00** Bunyaad (7313) **7.00** Travel: Forts of India (1232) **7.30** New Serial: GGO (9058) **8.00** News (4752) **8.30** Business Report (8787) **9.00** Hindi Movie: Faasle (723049) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (586733) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (29113462)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme. Tribute to Director Mervyn Leroy
7.00pm Little Caesar (1931): Gangster classic (53654110) **9.30 East Side, West Side** (1949): Drama (60835874) **11.30 Latin Lovers** (1953): Romance (43169690) **1.30am Two Seconds** (1932): Life-and-death drama (46344849) **2.45 Sweet Adeline** (1934): Musical (46260608) **4.25-6.00 Broadway Babies** (1929): Gangster romance (99204269)

CNN/CMT/QVC
CNN provides 24-hour news coverage, CMT has country music from 5am to 7pm and QVC is the home shopping channel

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THURSDAY OCTOBER 13 1994

Late goal secures victory for Moldavia in European championship

Wales sunk by Pogorelov's decisive strike

Moldavia 3
Wales 2

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN KISHINEV

NO COUNTRY, however small, can be taken for granted in world football, as Wales found to their humiliating cost when they tumbled to defeat in group seven of their European championship qualifying programme here last night.

Just when Nathan Blake appeared to have salvaged a 2-2 draw with a scrambled second-half equaliser, Valeri Pogorelov drove home a bristling 25-yard shot past Neville Southall in the 78th minute. Not since they lost a World Cup qualifier to Finland in 1989 had Wales sunk so low.

Wales had received a warm if ominously uncoordinated reception on arrival in Moldavia, a mainly agricultural country that is tucked away between Romania and Ukraine in a southwest enclave of the former Soviet Union. It was Moldavia's first senior international match at home since being welcomed into Europe's footballing brotherhood this year.

On Tuesday, the Republican Stadium staged the Moldavia-Wales tie in the European under-21 championship, which the host nation won 1-0. A crowd of around 3,000, mostly Moldavians, whistled and cheered constantly, clearly relishing the occasion. Last night, the Republican reverberated to an infinitely more passionate gathering, with the arena filled to about two-thirds of its 22,000 capacity.

Wales made much of the early running. Speed and Blake, however, were quick to help Roberts when needed, with Speed particularly supportive. Horne, the captain, also surged through from midfield to assist when possible.

Such initial enterprise paid off in only the sixth minute, when Wales took the lead from a corner by Pembridge. It was swung over with great delicacy to the near post, where Roberts outjumped everybody to flick the ball on. Coleman powered in a header, which Stroenko was just able to clear off the line, but Speed was on hand at close range to head in his first goal for Wales in 27 appearances. The perfect start.

However, the lead lasted just two minutes as Moldavia, 1-0 winners in Georgia last month, retaliated confidently and effectively. Their goal also came from a corner, with Wales unable to clear properly, and Belous unleashed a superb 30-yard volley that Southall was powerless to prevent entering the net at pace.

Vigorous and urgent, Moldavia immediately pressed again when Miterev raced through. Fortunately for Wales, Southall was able to get a touch as Miterev tried to pass him and grabbed the ball at the second attempt. Miterev then released Kurteanu as the Moldavian confidence grew, but Southall again covered the threat by racing from his goalline to force him wide.

Wales were agitated, their early optimism a distant memory, and Belous tried another ambitious 30-yarder. This time it was a weak effort, and Southall gathered with ease. In the 28th minute, though, the increasingly hesitant Wales defence was breached for a second time.

Symons was a shade unlucky to be penalised for a foul on Kurteanu, on the edge of the area, and matters swiftly went from bad to worse. Seku's free kick was nicely struck, but did not appear likely to trouble Southall until it took the most unkind of deflections, leaving Southall rooted to the spot.

After spending a brief spell gathering their senses, Wales replied by driving forward in numbers, often leaving the defence dangerously exposed. Coleman fired an effort wide and then Blake, four minutes before the interval, danced through onto a fine pass from Bowen. Yet his finish was awful, the ball ballooning high over Koshelev, the Moldavia goalkeeper, when it seemed simpler to score.

Wales, not surprisingly, showed greater urgency after half-time. Again, it left them fragile at the back, but risks had to be taken. In the 55th minute, Pembridge curled in a free kick from the right and Speed should have done better than glance his header over the crossbar.

As Wales's desperation grew, so tempers became frayed. Istvan Vad, the Hungarian referee, appeared to favour the advantage rule instead of punishing several ugly tackles, and Speed was strangely deemed the guilty party when Nani kicked out at him as the pair tangled off the pitch.

In the 65th minute, Blake rose high to head home a free kick by Bowen, but Vad again incurred the wrath of the Welsh when he disallowed it for apparent pushing. Three minutes later, though, Wales were finally rewarded for their efforts.

Speed crossed deep to the far post where Roberts, leaping with power, nodded the ball back into the six-yard box. Koshelev dropped it under pressure, and Blake pounced with a sharp prod to direct home the equaliser.

MOLDAVIA (4-4-2): V Koshelev (Tiligul Tiraspol) — S Seku (Tiligul Tiraspol), S Stroenko (Tiligul Tiraspol), S Nani (Zimbrul Kishinev), V Pogorelov (Tiligul Tiraspol) — R Rebeja (Zimbrul Kishinev), S Belous (Tiligul Tiraspol), I Oprea (Tiligul Tiraspol), A Kurteanu (Zimbrul Kishinev) — A Spiridon (Zimbrul Kishinev), I Miterev (Zimbrul Kishinev)
WALES (4-3-1-2): N Southall (Everton) — K Symons (Portsmouth), A Williams (Reading), C Coleman (Crystal Palace), M Bowen (Norwich City) — B Horne (Everton), D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), M Pembridge (Derby County) — N Blake (Sheffield United; sub: A Melville, Sunderland, 88min) — I Roberts (Leicester City), G Speed (Leeds United).
Referee: I Vad (Hungary)

Russia, who travel to Scotland in the next round of group eight matches on November 16, beat San Marino 4-0 after a subdued performance in Moscow last night. The Russians led 1-0 through Karpin at half-time, but added three goals in three minutes, scored by Kolyvanov, Nikiforov and Radchenko, midway through the second half.



Speed, the Leeds United forward, wheels away in delight after putting Wales ahead against Moldavia last night from a corner. It was his first goal for his country in his 27th match. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird

Grossman challenge falters as Navratilova finds form

MARTINA Navratilova, playing the final European tennis tournament of her illustrious career, sprang to life in the third set to beat Ann Grossman, of the United States, in a first-round match at the Porsche Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany, yesterday.

For a time it appeared Navratilova might make an early exit but she reared back in the final set to post a 6-4, 3-6, 6-0 win over her 23-year-old opponent.

Navratilova started slowly against an opponent whom she had beaten eight days previously in a first-round match at Zurich. But she warmed up to win the first set easily against a player who is ranked 31st in the world.

Grossman quickly jumped to a 4-2 lead in the second set, pinning Navratilova to the baseline and scoring with a succession of forehand passing shots when Navratilova came to the net. She warded off three break points in the seventh game before squaring the match and appeared to have a fince chance of causing an upset.

Navratilova bounced back in the final set with a display of the type of power tennis that made her so dominant for so many years. A crowd of 2,800 cheered on Navratilova, 37, who is nearing the end of a long farewell tour, as she began the set by attacking the net on every Grossman serve.

Navratilova, seeded second, broke Grossman's serve in the first game with an overhead smash and went on to take the set in 25 minutes, finishing the match with a perfect backhand volley after an hour and 45 minutes.

The nine-times Wimbledon champion, who was the world's top-ranked player for seven years, has won six of her record 167 singles titles at Filderstadt. She will be honoured at a ceremony on Saturday and will also be presented with a new Porsche, tournament organisers said.

In other matches, the No 8 seed, Anke Huber, beat Barbara Rittner by 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 in a long battle between Germans, while Karina Habsudova, of the Czech Republic, knocked out Patricia Hy, of Canada, 6-3, 6-1.

The No.1 seed, Conchita Martinez, of Spain, and Mary Pierce, of France, were due on court later last night.

Peerless Eubank craves indulgence in early retirement

Srikumar Sen in Sun City examines the WBO champion's eccentric plans before a title defence

Chris Eubank's eccentricities inside and outside the ring have already made him a man in a million. But, typically, not being satisfied by that achievement he is determined to be a man in a billion.

He expects to achieve that distinction by the end of next summer: by retiring at the top, unbeaten in 47 contests and walking away from multi-million pound offers to meet James Toney, the International Boxing Federation super-middleweight champion, or whoever is top at the time.

Eubank, who is here to defend his World Boxing Organisation title against Dan Schommer, of the United States, on Saturday, said that after successfully defending his title six more times, as stipulated in his £10-million contract with Sky Television, he will have achieved his greatest ambition of securing his future financially and quitting the sport he has always described as barbaric. He said he would devote his time to taking whatever message takes his fancy to schools and universities and restoring the West Pier at Brighton if the Pier Trust would allow him to take it over.

"I live in an extraordinary world," he said. "I have not been thinking of giving up boxing just yesterday but for 12 years. As soon as I get the opportunity to walk away, to buck the system, I will quit.

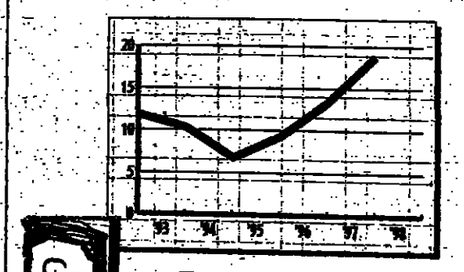
"I know it is difficult to quit. I know about being Mr X, and missing the adulation. But I am trying to force myself to do it. I want to do the clever thing. I don't want to be one in a million people, I want to be one in one billion. I want to walk away from the money and I will do it unless of course I get beaten, in which case I may stay on."

Eubank believes that by the time he finishes the six contests, and he hopes the last will be against Nigel Benn, he will have acquired everything that money can buy apart from a yacht and an aircraft, which he does not want for fear of drowning or crashing.

He has a mock Tudor home in Brighton which is believed to be worth £1 million or more, an Aston Martin costing £200,000 and before long he will even change the swagger stick that he calls the icing on the cake to his jodhpurs-and-monocle ensemble, into a gold one costing £8,000. He has also bought a 40-foot, 30-ton Peterbilt truck from Fort Lauderdale to pull a mobile gym around Britain. While it was not as expensive as his Aston Martin, it cost £22,000 to ship it over.

While here he has even tried to buy respect by upgrading himself from the suite allocated to him by the Palace Hotel to the King's Suite of eight magnificent rooms — containing two bedrooms, a 40-foot sitting area overlooking the Pilanesberg wilderness, a library, a powder-room for his guests, a grand piano, a butler's pantry and £300,000 worth of furnishings — for a mere £30,000 over and above the cost of his first suite. Eubank has even brought his barber, Hervin Smith, from Peckham, here at a cost of £5,000 to cut his hair every other day, because Eubank says having a hair out of place is like going about with scuffed shoes.

All that remains for him to do is to acquire the pier. "That is a task I would really like to take on. That's easier than fighting. James Toney can damage you seriously and basically I'm a coward. The pier doesn't throw punches back."



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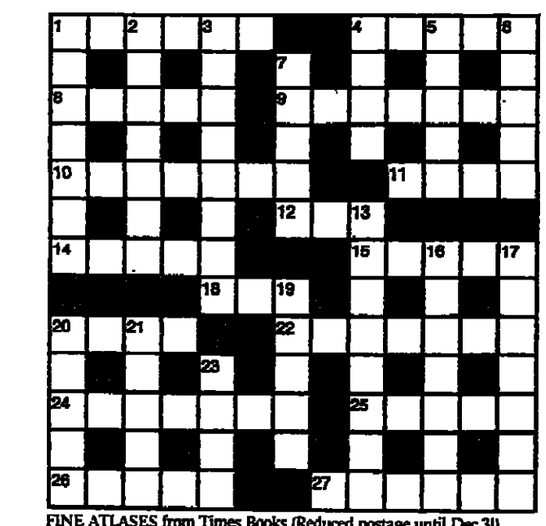
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 291

ACROSS
1 Fighting implement (6)
4 Surround; harass (5)
8 Burn with hot water (5)
9 Card game; spinster (3,4)
10 Playing (tennis) (2,5)
11 Scream (4)
12 Witch (3)
14 Lobby area (5)
15 Smallest (amount) (5)
18 Female deer (3)
20 Means of entrance; (northern) street (4)
22 Portuguese island; wine; cake (7)
24 Advertising paper (7)
25 Bracing air; trioxygen (5)
26 Fine; a fop (5)
27 Indian lunch (6)

DOWN
1 Remove (dirt) from skin (4,3)
2 A very different thing (1,3,3)
3 Conservative types (3,5)
4 Portend (4)
5 Extra, unneeded (5)
6 (Water) responding to Moon's gravity (5)
7 Stall; cubicle (5)
13 Plants, swordlike leaves, bright showy flowers (8)
16 Rather unfair (1,3,3)
17 Part-exchange (5-2)
19 Void (5)
20 Icy cold (5)
21 Two; Mark —, American author (5)
23 Partner (4)

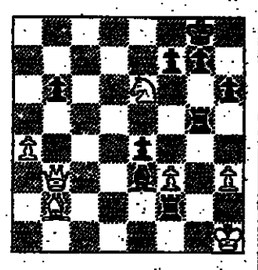
SOLUTION TO NO 290

ACROSS: 1 Catch a crab 8 Wreathe 9 Laity 10 Rein 11 Strainer 13 Amity 14 Domed 16 Ticklish 17 Vile 20 Music 21 Beer mug 22 All-rounder

DOWN: 1 Cower 2 The die is cast 3 Hath 4 Create 5 All hands 6 His name is mud 7 Hybrid 12 Cyclical 13 Autumn 15 Isobar 18 Eiger 19 Beau

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Sunye - Kasparov, Graz 1981. In this messy position, both sides have pieces attacked. Nevertheless, Black has a clear-cut way to force victory. How should he continue?



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By Philip Howard

JILDI
a. A Persian playboy
b. Haste
c. A type of Japanese pot

MOHINI-ATTAM
a. A seductive dance
b. A very hot curry
c. A ceremonial dagger

HATHI
a. An elephant
b. A chambermaid
c. Advanced Yoga exercises

KANJAR
a. A venomous tree-snake
b. An ascetic regime
c. Gypsy communities

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